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Pencoed Gymnastic Club were a welcome addition to Porthcawl Carnival.
Picture by **GLYN EVANS**.

Sunshine helps the Porthcawl Carnival go with a swing!

PORThCAWL Carnival went ahead in bright sunshine this year and the crowds responded – lining the route and enjoying the day.

In fact, although the carnival procession did

not reach the temporary fairground at Porthcawl RFC until 3pm, stall-holders were busy from 11am on.

One stall holder reported: "We sold out by about 1.30pm, and it has stayed busy since then".

The theme of the carnival was 'Science Fiction'. Kerry Marlow of the Buckaneers, who organise the carnival, said: "There was a large entry of floats and more walkers than we have had for many years. The procession began at 1.30pm from Sandy Bay, Porthcawl, making its way through Porthcawl town centre, to the carnival field at Porthcawl Rugby Club.

"On the route, we had a number of entertainers to amuse the crowd. The people around town were entertained by The Westsie Allstars comedy marching band and Pick n' mix circus artists.

"Penybont Gymnastics performed routines throughout the route, and also taking part were the police, RNLI, Coastguard and Fire Service".
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Man sentenced to 'building better relations' course (and given a £960 fine)

A DRUNKEN man shouted racial abuse in a car park when he was arrested for attacking his ex-partner, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Matthew Brain, 32, shouted at a woman officer, who was of mixed ethnicity: "I hate women, you are a ****. You Arab."

Brain, of George Street, Caerau, Maesteg, admitted charges of racially-aggravated harassment, assault and theft.

He was sentenced to a two-year community order, involving a 'building better relations' programme and unpaid work of 150 hours. He was also ordered to pay a criminal court charge of £900 and a victim surcharge of £60.

Said Recorder David Aubrey QC: "You should be ashamed of committing such offences. You behaved in an appalling way in the home of your ex-partner, and when the police tried to arrest you, you were abusive to a woman officer.

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

"You can't behave in this way." Prosecutor Richard Ace said Brain had had a relationship with Rachel Hurley, but they had separated some time ago.

On April 16, he went to her home in Protheroe Street, Maesteg, where she was cleaning, and said he wanted some of his tools, which were on the premises.

"She feared there would be difficulties," said Mr Ace. As she was on her mobile phone, he punched her to the side of her face, wrestled the phone from her grasp and banged her hand against

Hewitt, said: "The issue is whether a suspended sentence be imposed. He needs a bit of guidance about his attitude towards women."

"Normally, he does not drink, but he has used Valium and cannabis. Clearly, the relationship was coming to an end."

He pointed out that Brain had been in custody since April 27 for breaching his bail conditions.

He added that when Brain went to the house, he had no intention of stealing anything.

A restraining order was made preventing Brain contacting Miss Hurley indefinitely.

Threat to law court

BRIDGEND Magistrates' Court is being considered or closure.

The news was revealed by the Ministry of Justice in a written statement earlier this week. Madeleine Moon MP and Carwyn Jones AM have vowed to oppose any closure.

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Contact Club
THE Contact Club has members who are elderly or disabled; if anyone is housebound, the club will help them to attend a social meeting held every Wednesday at the Social Club, Hendre Road, Pencoeed, from 11.45am to 2pm.

When the meeting's business is finished, members enjoy a few games of bingo.

It has regular trips; the next trip is to Weston-Super-Mare next Wednesday, July 29, and a further outing is to be held in September (venue to be decided by the members).

The friendly club welcomes new members; and more information can be obtained by telephoning Paul Miller or Mrs M Jones on 01656 862803 or 862594.

Mynydd Cynffig WI
JULY 14 saw the WI hold their monthly meeting at its usual venue, the Talbot Centre, Kenfig Hill.

There was a good turnout of members; the meeting was chaired by the president, Mrs Marjorie Goode, and the minutes read by secretary Mrs Enid Rymer.

Future events and notices were brought to the attention of the members, including the Glamorgan Federation of WIs show in Cornelly.

Eirwen, the treasurer, gave a report of the annual general meeting, held and celebrating the 100-year anniversary of the Women's Institute at the Royal Albert Hall, London. There was a brief discussion on

details verifying the WI annual trip which this year will be to Hereford. Marjorie then introduced the speaker, John Pearman, who spoke on the history of Patagonia and the struggle the Welsh immigrants had to set up their homes and livelihoods on the other side of the world.

The next meeting of the WI is at the Talbot Centre on Tuesday, September 8 when Helen Jones will talk on 'My time in the Met'.

Vehicle noise
THERE have been a number of complaints from residents in Bryncoch, Sarn and Ynysawdre about noisy motorcycles and cars that appear to have no silencers fitted to their exhausts.

Many of the motorcyclists are riding their bikes at speed and are not wearing protective helmets or clothing, on the main carriageways. The noise of course is especially noticeable late at night, when residents have gone to bed, and need to get up early next day to go to work.

Chapel events
HOREB Baptist Chapel is in Dinam Close, Nantymoel and once again at the start of the school holidays members of the chapel are organising events for children aged five to 11 next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: July 29, 30 and 31 from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

All children are welcome to go along and enjoy games, stories, competitions and snacks.

School awards
THE following pupils of Tynrhyl Primary School, Llangeinor attained 100 per cent attendance through the

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of THE GEM:

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summer term. Well done to Zoe Baird, Morgan Bater, Lloyd Grabham, Megan Grabham, Logan Hume, Rhydian John, Gethin Lewis, Nia Lewis, Millie Loosmore, Roman Pook, Erin Quigley, Brandon Riddiford, Garyn Riddiford, Dylan Sage and Owain Standing.

Two pupils have achieved 100 per cent attendance for the whole year - Lloyd Grabham and Megan Grabham. They have received medals for their attendance.

Tidy award!
PEN-Y-FAI Church of England Primary School has been awarded the Platinum Eco-Schools Award by Keep Wales Tidy.

The most prestigious accolade of its kind for schools in Wales, the award recognises the dedication of pupils and teachers in promoting all things 'green'.

The Platinum Award signifies that a school has been awarded the maximum four green flags and has been engaged on the Eco-Schools programme for more than a decade.

Among the initiatives at Pen-y-Fai CIW Primary School that impressed the adjudicators from Keep Wales Tidy, was the school's allotment and garden area, which had a large range of fruit and vegetables, a mini beast 'mansion', and the greenhouse, which had been made with an imaginative use of over 200 plastic bottles!

All of the pupils' fruit waste and recycled paper is composted, while the school also has a woodland storytelling area which they are looking to develop, as well as an orchard.

It is intended to install

a water butt in the garden, which will collect and recycle rainwater, meaning that the school won't need to pay for any water used on the growth of crops raised in the garden.

On the move!
MRS Susan Pilsher the headteacher, would like to thank the following staff of Tondy Primary School for their hard work over the year and wishes them well as they are leaving the school to progress their careers.

They are Mrs Ashton, who is on secondment to Flying Start and will not be allocated to a class next year; Miss Hopkins, Mrs S Jones, Mrs O'Brien, Ms J Smith and Mr Thomas.

On Friday, July 10 Megan Simpson and Leiana-Mai Darks went to Cardiff Museum to receive a Welsh Heritage Award for the school, which was awarded second prize of £500 for its work on a century of education in Aberkenfig.

On July 1, my wife and I were privileged to be invited to take part in the school's citizenship award event which was held at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen.

The children at this school must be congratulated on their efforts to help others in the community.

Every class had a number of pupils who had attained the distinction of a bronze, silver, or gold award for their achievements. Well done to them all!

Youth choir
THE committee responsible for the running of Glamorgan Youth Choir is organising a free summer camp from August 24 to 28.

The choir will then be performing in a concert at St David's Hall, Cardiff on Saturday,

August 29. For more information, see www.theglam.org.uk.

Aberkenfig and district WI
ON July 15, Eunice Williams, president, welcomed members to the meeting when Happy Birthday was sung to the July birthday belles - Irene Burgess, Maureen Pearce, Dilys Mitchell, Alyson Thomas and the August birthday girls - Betty Samuel and Dorothy Kingston.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, agreed and signed. The Glamorgan Federation Newsletter was perused and some items noted - namely the royal garden party, which was a great success. Glamorgan's golden girl Daphne Furneaux won a gold medal at Chelsea Flower Show for her flower display in the 'Heritage' class. The title of the exhibit was 'This land of our fathers was built of coal' and depicted a pithead wheel winding gear. The apple festival which will be at the National Botanic Garden on October 17.

A number of members will have exhibits in the Glamorgan Federation of WIs show at North Cornelly Community Centre on Saturday, July 25 from 10am to 5pm.

The trip to the Gwili Railway near Carmarthen town on Thursday, September 17 has been booked.

The bus will leave the Lyric at 10.30am to arrive at approximately 11.30am (cost £11). The members will be sitting down to cream tea in the dining car on the train, which will be an experience.

Although there is no WI meeting in August, there will be a fish and chip lunch in the Len Evans Centre on August 12; doors open at 11am,

lunch at 1pm.

Aberkenfig and District WI meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig. Visitors and new members are always made very welcome.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 9, when Pamela Robson is telling about 'Her Mother's Shop'. The competition will be for a funny eggcup. For further information, call Dilys on 01656 725399 or visit www.cobwebs.com

Bridgend Male Choir

JULY is one of the quieter months for choir engagements, but it does allow for chorister and music team holiday and practice.

Among the items currently being learned are the stirring Russian 'Cavalry of the Steppes'; from *Camelot*, 'How to Handle a Woman'; *Jekyll & Hyde's* 'This is the Moment' and a song associated with the great Matt Monro, 'Softly, As I Leave You'.

Focus is on a new CD planned for later this year and a massed concert, to which Bridgend Male Choir have been invited, at Birmingham Town Hall in 2016 to celebrate premier choir, Canoldir's 40th birthday.

Joining Bridgend will be the choristers of the Fron, Pontarddulais and Cardiff Arms Park. Some other highlights before then link singing and rugby, which naturally come together in Wales.

The choir has two further Rugby World Cup 2015 tournament engagements. An 'eve of World Cup' Q&A and singing engagement for the Shine Cymru charity at Cardiff will be followed by a visit to the renowned Leicester Tigers RUFC, where Bridgend Male Choir will entertain when England face Wales at Twickenham.

The choir rehearses at Oldcastle Primary School, South Street, Bridgend on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm; new members are most welcome.

Pencoeed WI ladies learn all about Welsh food industry

JULY is usually a quiet month but Pencoeed WI has been as busy as ever. Our speaker was Sian Roberts, talking about the Welsh food industry.

She was entertaining, informative and importantly had some samples. On July 16, it was our annual summer outing with a visit to Blaenavon Heritage Centre.

There was more food and drink with a tour of the brewery and cheese tasting. Lunch was also included in the cost of the day. Our theatre group had a brilliant day out in Cardiff, lunch, then off to Millennium Centre to see *Jersey Boys*; it was an excellent show.

Their next outing is in September to see *Love Me Tender* at New Theatre. As we are talking about food, we still have our

monthly lunch club. Several of our members have entered the Glamorgan Federation show at North Cornelly on July 25.

Pencoeed WI meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Pencoeed Welfare Hall from 1.45pm to 4.15pm, visitors and new members welcome.

For further information ring Val on 01656 862181 or Pat on 01656 860289.

WHO WANTS TO BUILD WHAT AND WHERE?

Pepkor Retail UK Ltd - 9 Garth - Two storey addition to rear.

Caroline Street, Lancashire Mortgage Corporation - 48 Park Street, Bridgend - Demolish existing boundary wall, construct new vehicle access and reconfigure existing car parking spaces.

12-14, Adare Street - Retention of existing fascia and projecting sign and new internal promotions. Miss Kelly Packer - 16 Davies Avenue, Pant Farm, Court Colman - Steel portal shed.

Nottage - Two trees cut to ground level and adjacent trees crown lifted. M Khalqi - Seaview Farm, Pyle Road, Porthcawl - Non material amendment to module layout.

The Woodlands, Brackla - Two storey extension to side of dwelling to include relocation of existing conservatory. Mrs K Clatworthy - 36 Meadow Avenue, Kenfig Hill - Single storey rear extension for disabled occupant.

Dogs Trust - Court Colman, Pen-y-Fai, Bridgend - Proposed new part single/two storey dog training facility building, associated works and improved site entrance, parking and lighting. Mrs C Mogg - 62 Pendre, Bridgend - Single storey shower room extension for disabled person.

Mr Thomas Heaney - 4 Chantal Avenue, Pen-y-Fai - Dormer extension to front and porch extension to front. Mrs N Walford - 30 Tynton Road, Bridgend - Single storey rear extension and front porch.

Three Elms Investments Ltd - Waterton Service Station, A48 bypass road, Bridgend - Single storey extension to the rear/left side of forecourt, relocate car wash and site refurbishment.

Mr Steve Williams - Land at Bedw Street/Humphries Terrace, Caerau - Change use of land for storage in association with Caerau Football Club and building equipment for developers business.

Mr I Williams - Greysfriars, 16 West Drive, Porthcawl - Retention of new dwelling (amendment to P/14/46/FUL) and flat roof summer house as built.

Mr Gareth Richards - Land opposite 2 Llynfi View, Caerau, Maesteg - erection of stable block. Mr C Feeley - Curtilage of 16 Greenwood Close, Litchard - Detached two-storey three-bedroom dwelling with garage.

Fieldbay Ltd - proposed demolition of care home. Ms Lisa Stapleton - 285 Bridgend Road, garage.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 30)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 - 25 minutes later.

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25 Sat	00.46	7.8	13.22	7.7
26 Sun	01.52	7.6	14.34	7.5
27 Mon	03.07	7.8	15.51	7.8
28 Tues	04.19	7.9	16.53	8.3
29 Wed	05.19	8.7	17.48	9.0
30 Thur	06.12	9.1	18.35	9.5

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT
ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Man jailed for knife possession

A PLUMBER who was seen behaving "furtively" outside a Bridgend pub, was searched by the police, who found in his rucksack a lock knife and a Stanley knife in a sheath, Cardiff Crown Court has heard.

Anthony Randall (39), said he had the items for use in the course of his work.

Randall, formerly of Glenwood Close, Bridgend, and now of no fixed address, was jailed for four months, after he admitted possessing bladed articles.

Said Judge Tom Crowther QC: "You were found by the police in an agitated state with two knives in your possession. You claim they were for use in your trade. You don't stand by that now."

Prosecutor James Evans said that on June 12 in Market Street,

Bridgend, police saw that Randall was behaving furtively. They searched him and found the knives in his rucksack.

He said initially they were for use in his work, but now accepted he didn't have a reason for having them.

He was said to have previous convictions for assault, causing actual bodily harm, and possessing two bladed articles.

He was also in breach of a community order for fraud.

His solicitor, Tim Hartland, said: "The aggravating feature of this case is his antecedent history. He has a historic drugs problem."

"He fell out with his family and for a period, lived rough. The items found were not used to threaten anybody."

"He takes a serious view of what he has done."

Blaengarw man grew cannabis

CANNABIS plants with a potential yield worth between £4,600 and £13,000, were found by the police when, acting on a tip-off from a member of the public, they searched a house in Blaengarw.

Some of the windows were blacked out and in two bedrooms, officers found 28 plants growing, said prosecutor John Warren.

Stephen Tame (34) of James Road, Blaengarw, pleaded guilty to producing cannabis.

He was sentenced to eight months' imprisonment,

suspended for two years and was told by Judge Tom Crowther QC: "You need to change your ways; that's why I'm passing a suspended sentence".

Mr Warren said that on February 11, police searched the house and became aware of the smell of cannabis.

Inside, were the 28 plants and equipment for growing them. The defendant was arrested at the premises, and said he needed the drug because of a medical condition.

He told the police that they "didn't live in the real world."

All the cannabis, he said, would have been for personal use.

He said he was in constant pain following a car accident and was due to have two operations.

The court heard he had a previous conviction for possessing cocaine with intent to supply and received two years.

His solicitor, Daniel Heard, said Tame had spent £300 on the equipment.

If all the plants had reached full maturity, he hoped to recoup his outlay and has since moved from his address to somewhere more suitable.

He became involved in cannabis in the first place because of physical issues.

LLANGWEYDD SCHOOL HAS DOUBLE CAUSE TO CELEBRATE



ABOVE: Llangewydd Juniors' healthy schools co-ordinator, Sophie Clarke, joined sports pupils (above), celebrating their National Quality Award for Healthy Schools.

AM says: 'Happy 100th Birthday!'



BRIDGEND AM, Carwyn Jones, dropped in to help constituent Mrs Eileen Griffiths celebrate her 100th birthday recently.

The First Minister presented a card and bouquet of flowers and wished her many happy returns. Mrs Griffiths is a resident at Oaklands Care Home in Bridgend.

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB

THERE will be a holiday Bible club at Horeb Baptist Chapel, Dinam Close, Nantymoel, for children aged five to 11 on July 29 to July 31, from 4.30pm-6.30 pm.

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LLANGWEYDD school pupils ended the summer term with awards for promoting health and the environment.

It is the first junior school in south Wales to achieve the National Quality Award for Healthy Schools from the Welsh Government, after demonstrating excellent standards of pupil health and wellbeing by linking issues such as sport, healthy eating, community links, safety, hygiene and more, a BCBC spokesperson stated.

The school also added another accolade to its award cabinet by securing the Platinum Eco-Schools Award from Keep Wales Tidy.

It was praised for the way it links environmental issues into the curriculum, with an array of impressive displays throughout the school to raise awareness of issues such as recycling and sustainable development.

Assessors from Keep Wales Tidy were also impressed by the excellent global links made with a school in Gambia, while their Eco House offers exciting opportunities to bring

the outdoors inside.

BCBC deputy leader Coun Huw David said: "The prestigious health award marks the culmination of six years' hard work by teachers, staff, governors and pupils."

"The award acknowledges the fact that Llangewydd Juniors provides a safe, stimulating and caring learning environment where health and wellbeing has been firmly embedded in school life."

"It is also wonderful to see Llangewydd Juniors join the select

number of local schools that have achieved the Platinum Eco-Award. It is the highest accolade of its kind awarded by Keep Wales Tidy to schools, and it is great to see so many green flags flying proudly across the county borough.

"Both awards are a sign of the school's commitment towards encouraging pupils to maximise their potential and play active roles within the community, so I would like to congratulate everyone who has helped deliver these achievements."

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Father and son compete in the 'Beast of Bryn' challenge race



Gwyneth Morgan, assistant secretary of Neath Port Talbot Leukaemia Research branch, Neil and Joseph Morgan.

DAD Neil Morgan, and his nine-year-old son Joseph, took part in a challenging event, the 'Beast of Bryn', in Margam and the Afan Valley, to raise funds for Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research.

The run, held annually, takes in some of the most breath-taking scenery in the country on routes international runners use for endurance training, prior to major competitions.

It began with the 2K fun run, followed by the more challenging race.

Joseph, along with many youngsters, quickly completed the 2K course. His father Neil, followed soon after, competing in the senior race.

They were both proud to have raised several hundred pounds for vital research into blood cancers.

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BRYNTIRION PUPILS LEARN LIFE SKILLS

BRYNTIRION Comprehensive School held a 'Life Week' for years 7, 8 and 9 where pupils tackled a range of activities such as CPR training, first aid, developing team building skills and handling money and budgeting.

The week was developed and organised by the school council, who have been working closely with the resident school nurse (Mrs Jerwood) and St John Ambulance, who kindly volunteered their expertise.

A spokesperson said: "Here at Bryntirion we believe strongly in our motto 'Dysgwn Sut I Fyw' meaning 'We Will Learn How to Live', and this has truly been reflected in our life skills project this year. "Taking this initiative forward, Ethan Chalmers, a sixth form student, with input from Dr Phil Hammond, has developed a banner using his acronym 'CLANGERS' to promote the importance of health and wellbeing in the school." **SW**

Bridgend SHOUT joins Age Cymru's big conversation



BRIDGEND SHOUT Forum were delighted recently to welcome Terry Woodsford from Age Cymru to their extremely well-attended, monthly meeting.

Terry presented a 'big conversation' exercise based on the subject of loneliness and isolation. The forum explored the topics together and populated the 'big conversation tree' with their ideas.

Terry will take the results of this exercise back to Age Cymru so that their policy and public affairs

team can bring together feedback from across Wales and use the information to inform MPs, AMs as well as organisations and officials.

Members of the forum said they felt good that their opinions were being taken on board and their voice was being heard.

Pictured, above, around the big conversation 'outcomes tree' are some of the SHOUT members including Tony Gribben, the newly-elected chairman (right foreground). **RS**

Strawberries and cream tea event supported local charities

AT Heron Hall, Heronsbridge School on Sunday, July 12, the Bridgend county Civic Charity and the Mayor of the county borough of Bridgend, with guests, enjoyed the annual summer party with strawberries and cream.

There were plenty of strawberries that had been kindly donated by Sainsbury's, Tesco's and Brackla Co-op, with fresh cream donated by Tŷ Tanglwyst Farm, Pyle.

An abundance of food was enjoyed, some brought by friends, but the bulk had been

donated by Talgarth Bakery, Maesteg. All the charities for 2015/2016 were represented – Mental Health Matters Wales/Bridgend, Guy Chappell Cardiology Unit at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridge Mentoring Scheme Plus and Ysgol Bryn Castell School; all local charities depending on local support.

The event was introduced by the chairman of the civic charity, Coun Marlene Thomas and entertainment was provided by Dawnsywr Penybont and their flautist Beth Bowen, who have been supporting this event for many years. Kay Ruddell, their

leader, invited the guests onto the floor to dance with them.

Then there was first class entertainment from pupils from Ysgol y Ferch o'r Sger, namely Cari Wilson, Carwyn Keir and Lowri Keir, who had recently been competing at the Urdd National Eisteddfod.

Members of Aelwyd Porthcawl took part with a variety of items and were later presented with medals they had won at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Caerphilly, by the Mayor of the county borough of Bridgend, Coun Richard Young and Coun Huw David, deputy leader and cabinet member for education at BCBC.

This year, the Aelwyd Porthcawl received several awards: Anwen, Angharad, Teilo and Indeg were placed second in the vocal ensemble, under-19 years; placed second with the Cerdd Dant group under 25 years and the three-part voice folk choir for aged 19 years and under received third place.

We congratulate them and we are very proud of their achievements.

The next event for the civic charity will be an afternoon tea at Court Colman Manor on Sunday, August 16 from 3.30pm to 5.30pm with special guest Janet Holmes from Fruity Bouquets. Admission is £10. **MM**

Busy times at Coity WI

THE July meeting of Coity WI was led by Ann Mutton, vice-president, who reported another busy and successful month.

The visit to Llanelli House, organised by Rita Pryor, was immensely popular. There was time to browse around the town and have lunch before returning to Llanelli House, where a very lively tour had been arranged.

The use of innovative technology brought the story to life before our eyes, to the delight of many of our members.

About 20 of our ladies attended the garden party at Margam Orangery. While they didn't have perfect weather, the afternoon was enhanced by imaginative table settings, some of which boasted candelabra and flowers.

The trip to Abergavenny took place on market day, and bargains were found in the flea market before the party moved on to Crickhowell for afternoon tea.

Having shared the events of the month, Ann Mutton presented flowers to out-going minutes secretary Diane Morgan. Diane has served Coity WI in this capacity for some 13 years, and we extend to her our appreciation for her faithful service over such a long time.

The planned speaker for the evening was unable to attend, but we were entertained by two of our members, Frankie Evans and Susan Thomas. Frankie was the

winner of our first bursary to Denman College, and she gave an enthusiastic account of her weekend learning the improbably named craft of 'hot twist surface embellishment'.

The sample book of her efforts were most unusual, and we look forward to seeing how Frankie uses the techniques in future.

Susan, together with Pat Anthony, had attended the WI centenary garden party at Buckingham Palace and addressed us in the lovely outfit she had worn to the palace, but it was the hat that turned out to be the star of the show.

Having been taken by the wind in the Palace forecourt it had made a complete circuit of the area before being rescued by a friendly policeman.

Sadly, the sheer number of people present obscured the view of the royal party, but the lovely grounds and a beautiful buffet were appreciated before the long ride home. The vote of thanks to the speakers was offered by Elaine Shepherd.

The Glamorgan WI Show takes place on Saturday, July 25, at North Cornelly Community Centre between 10am and 5pm, and there will be a number of entries from our members.

There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be on September 17 at Gilead Hall Coity at 7pm. **ES**

Reunion trip to Egypt and the war cemeteries

OVER the years, I have arranged for many groups to go back to the Egyptian Canal Zone and several GEM readers have joined us on these visits.

It means a return to areas where we served in the 1950s, and where many of our friends and comrades are buried.

I have now stopped organising groups to the Military Zone. Our last one was in May 2015, but I have received many letters of thanks and new requests, enquiring if it is possible to visit the war cemeteries in the Cairo area, especially Heliopolis and El-Alamein.

There are at least five war cemeteries in the Cairo vicinity, as well as the two mentioned, and I have decided to arrange a group visit to Cairo, so that people can visit these places, as well as other places of interest. I will be in contact

with the defence attaché at the British Embassy in Cairo and the War Graves Commission, regarding the visits to the war cemeteries.

I would be willing to take photos on behalf of your readers of graves of their friends and loved ones if they would like me to (complimentary to your readers).

I am sure that many GEM readers served in Egypt, or know of friends and relatives who are buried there.

Your readers are invited to join our group reunion back to Egypt, and if they contact me, I will send full details of itinerary and costs, etc, or send requests for photos directly to me.

The dates for this reunion group visit are Wednesday, June 1 to Friday, June 10, 2016.

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Concern over Gove's plan to axe the law courts in Bridgend

THE Ministry of Justice – the new home of former Education Minister Michael Gove – has revealed plans to axe Bridgend's law courts.

The news was revealed in a letter to Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon MP from Shailesh Vara MP, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice, regarding HM Courts & Tribunal Service Estate Reform.

Mr Vara has released a Written Ministerial Statement announcing a consultation on the provision of courts and tribunal services in England and Wales.

This follows the announcement by the Secretary of State for Justice – Michael Gove – of his intention to work with the judiciary to reform HM Courts and Tribunals Service.

The letter states: "This consultation puts forward proposals that aim to reduce surplus capacity by closing those courts and tribunals that are unused or underused, or that are simply unsuitable for the services we need to provide

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from them."

Bridgend Law Courts are on the list.

Madeline Moon said: "I am concerned about the potential effect that this could have on our community."

"Before I submit a formal response to the Minister's consultation I would like to hear what my constituents have to say."

"I call on anybody who has used the services provided by Bridgend Law Courts to describe to me their experiences. I know that many of my constituents value the importance of having a local law court and I would be grateful if they could share their views."

The Bridgend AM, First Minister Carwyn Jones, said: "I am appalled that Bridgend Law Courts might close. What happened to justice coming to the people?"

It was in December 2011 that Barry Magistrates' Court closed,

after a long campaign to stave off the closure.

At the time, it was argued that cases heard in Barry could be heard either in Cardiff or in Bridgend.

Campaigners against the closure argued that asking families who were due to attend court proceedings to travel that extra distance would cause problems for the less well off.

Madeline Moon said: "It is important that people feel that the justice system is easily accessible and works for them. Only then will it command their confidence and respect."

"I am concerned that under the direction of the Conservative government, the justice system is becoming increasingly remote. As well as further eroding trust in our political and legal establishments, this could have serious implications for the safety and cohesion of our communities."

What do GEM readers feel about this plan? Write to the address on page 2 if you have any comments.

Treasure hunt raises cash for local Rotary charities



Winners with president Jeff Perrin and event organisers.

THE first fundraising event of president Jeff Perrin's year at the helm of the Rotary Club of Porthcawl was a very successful car treasure hunt.

Starting and ending at the Hi-Tide, Porthcawl, 18 cars with their passengers followed a set route around the area with a host of observational questions and riddles to solve.

Though only covering some 30 miles, most took around three hours to complete the run and returned eager to know how they had done. The winning team came from the Rotary Club of Cardiff Breakfast, with Paul Joseph's team from Porthcawl very close

runners up. All entrants declared it a very enjoyable, if sometimes challenging event, and the organisers, Laurence and Carolyn Chilcott, were pleased it was such a success.

Last year, the Rotary Club of Porthcawl raised over £8,000 for charitable causes and some of the local charities to benefit include Bridgend Youth Music, KPC Youth, Ty Cornel, Trinity Care, Ogwr Talking News, Hearing Dogs for the Deaf and Home Start Bridgend.

With more fundraising events planned for this year the Rotary Club of Porthcawl intend to continue their support of local and international charities.

Honour for Soroptimist



Fellow of Aberystwyth.

ON Tuesday, July 14, Bridgend Soroptimist Eurwen Richards, who lives in Coity, was honoured with a Fellowship of the University of Aberystwyth.

She is pictured with Chancellor Sir Emyr Jones Parry and Vice Chancellor, Prof April McMahon.

The 'mass reading' attempt just misses out on record

THE Bridgend Library and Information Service narrowly missed out on setting a new Guinness world record last weekend for having the most parents or carers reading to their children simultaneously.

Families gathered in Newbridge Fields, Bridgend, on Saturday morning to try to break *Good Morning Britain's* official record, which stood at 427.

Unfortunately, the Bridgend attempt just fell short, with 357 adults reading *Jack and the Beanstalk* at the same time to their children – but the effort did set a new Welsh record.

Families were also able to enjoy fun entertainment at the event which included music from Kaya festival, keep fit with



Children also had the chance to set some other fun records such as balancing books on their heads!

'Heini' from S4C, magic from 'Magic n Mayhem' and also had the chance to set their own records in activities such as hula hooping, keepy uppies, juggling, long jump and book balancing!

Town Mayor of Bridgend, Coun David White, was also on hand to award prizes to the children who took part in the fun challenges.



Hula hoops added to the fun.

Store announces its charity of the year

SAINSBURY'S Bridgend has announced that Child Contact Centres will be the store's local charity of the year after being voted in by customers in store and online.

The Child Contact Centres are safe, friendly and neutral places where children of separated families can spend time with a parent, and sometimes other family members.

They are child-centred environments that put the needs of children first.

A launch day will take place at the Bridgend store on August 1, when customers get a chance to meet representatives from the charity and learn more about its work.

The store team will also be fundraising for the new charity by holding a book sale in the foyer and bag packing on July 31 and August 1.

Bridgend law firm to create 13 more jobs

A BRIDGEND law firm's expansion plans are being backed by £100,000 from the Welsh Government's Economic Growth Fund, to create 13 new jobs and safeguard a further three at a new conveyancing 'hub', in Court Road.

Howells Solicitors says it is expanding in response to "new opportunities arising from the re-emergence of the property market post-recession".






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Veteran proves that age really doesn't matter!

RIGHT: Merry Chieftain, in the winners' enclosure once again!

THEY say that for a true competitor, that will to win never dies, and a local woman, Poppy Evans, says that her family's horse is a prime example.

How many other competitors, whether equine or human, could take up a new sport in their dotage and go on to win!

That's what happened when *Merry Chieftain* lined up in a show jumping class at the recent Bridgend Show.

Merry Chieftain has always been a special horse to the Evans family and had a successful point to point career in the late 1990s, owned by Norman Jones, trained by Paul Haskins and ridden by talented jockeys such as Tim Vaughan, Evan Williams, James Tudor and Phil Williams.

However, he was injured in his last race and had to be retired from racing at 13 years



old in 2002.

He was then bought by Poppy Evans for her son Ross for hacking and hunting. Some years later, Ross left C o w b r i d g e Comprehensive School to go to university and *Merry Chieftain* was kept ticking over by Poppy and her friend Jayne.

Watching the veteran class at Bridgend Show last year, Poppy realised that he looked pretty sprightly compared to the lovely horses in the

show ring.

So, she entered him in two veteran classes at this year's show earlier this month.

Poppy said: "As soon as he heard the tannoy and saw the showground, he thought he was racing again after 13 years and was rather excitable for a while."

"He was full of energy trotting around the ring. He certainly did not act 26 and went on to win both his classes."

"He's a very special boy!"

Members learn Allsorts of things about chocolate

PRESIDENT Sandra Davidson welcomed everyone to the Coychurch WI July meeting, including new member Marion Lewis and guest Dulcie Davies, representing Pencoed WI, who presented a report on the recent NFWI AGM in the Royal Albert Hall, London.

The business of the meeting included:

Favourable feedback on the centenary celebratory afternoon tea with croquet on the lawn at the Coed-y-Mwstwr Hotel, Coychurch.

A coach has been arranged for the skittles evening on October 14 in Pontyclun. The Christmas dinner menu choices are now available.

Penta Penybont, the Link WI, is organising a 50s and 60s themed afternoon tea with entertainment on September 30 at Pencoed RFC; 2.15pm for 2.30pm. Tickets £7.

Member Ann Davies reported back on her and Jean Jakeaway's experience at the centenary garden party at Buckingham Palace; 8,000 WI members attended the event.

A thank you letter was read, received from

Claire Atherton, the county treasurer.

The annual summer trip on August 18 to Gloucester, with an optional river boat cruise to include afternoon tea, was confirmed. Friends and family are very welcome to join the outing. To book, contact Sandra on 01656 669232. The coach departs from the Williams Memorial Hall at 9am.

Members were reminded that there is no meeting in August.

The speaker, Mr Allan Underhill gave an informative historical talk: 'Allsorts', with facts about the development of confectionery from the Greeks to the Tudors.

He stated that sugarcane produced in India was used as currency, the soldiers in the American Civil War were paid in chocolate, Easter eggs were first introduced in Europe in the 19th century, and that a tax on sugar was introduced in 1815, generating millions of pounds.

Guests and new members are welcome to come along to our next meeting on September 1 at 7.30pm in the Williams Memorial Hall.

The topic of the guest speaker Debbie Shaw will be 'Healthy Living'.

Young readers smash records!



Liam Stevenson, of Llangynwyd Primary School, jumped over a whopping 14 books, setting a record amongst his classmates.



Finley Donoghue, winner of the 'long book jump' for St Mary's and St Patrick's Primary School, with his prize.

THE theme for this summer's reading challenge at local libraries is 'Record Breakers', and schoolchildren have been gearing up for the fun by setting a series of book-related records of their own!

Pupils from St Mary's and St Patrick's Primary School and Llangynwyd Primary School visited the nearby Y Llynfi Library in Maesteg to take on such feats as 'How far can you walk with a book on your head?' and 'The long book jump', where they leaped as far as they could, in line with a row of books.

Many of the children walked the entire distance of the library while balancing books on their heads, while year-2 pupil Finley Donoghue achieved the longest jump amongst St Mary's and St Patrick's children by bounding over 13 books, and Liam Stevenson, a year-5 pupil at Llangynwyd Primary, beat his classmates by springing over 14 books in total.

Children's author Mike Church led children, teachers and library staff in creating more Y Llynfi records by getting 45 people together to recite a chapter and poem at the same time in the library.

Mum receives apology after demand for £41 paid to her son who had passed away

A Barry mum has received an apology from the Department of Work and Pensions after it requested a £41 repayment in benefits which had been paid to her dead son.

Rachel Degaetano suffered the anguish of the death of her 21-year-old son Chae in April.

The Department of Work and Pensions asked for the repayment of £41.36 which covered four days after Chae's death.

It has now apologised to Mrs Degaetano for the distress it caused her.

Local MP Alun Cairns looked into the matter and told The GEM: "I am pleased that commonsense has prevailed in regard to Mrs Degaetano and the Department for Work and Pensions."

"I wrote to the DWP to ask them to look into the tragic circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Chae Bennett."

"At such an emotional time for Mrs Degaetano and her family, the DWP has

apologised for the distress caused over a minor amount of money and I have passed on my correspondence from the DWP to the family."

An explanatory letter sent to Mr Cairns by an official at the DWP said: "I was sorry to hear about the distress caused to Mr Bennett's mother, Mrs Degaetano, by receiving a letter from us regarding payment of an overpayment because this is never our intention."

"The overpayment of £41.36, which we referred to in our letter, arose as a result of a payment of Employment Support Allowance having been made which covered the period following Mr Bennett's death."

It emphasised that in the event of someone's death, it has a duty to ask for the return of overpayments to protect public funds. However, in this instance it would take no further action.

Mrs Degaetano plans to donate the money to Gofal Cymru, a Welsh charity which campaigns on mental health issues.

Crows attack local graves

CROWS have been removing flowers from the pots placed on graves at Barry Cemetery.

It has led Barry Town Council to reassure members of the public that its staff are not responsible.

It appears the crows are keen to get at water in the pots.

A spokesman said: "Barry Town Council would like to make members of the public aware that on occasions flowers are being removed from flower pots on graves."

"It has been discovered crows are removing the flowers and drinking the water within the pots."

"The council can only sympathise with the users of the cemetery and advise them that this is not an action taken by any staff members."

"We would ask members of the public to refrain from feeding the birds in the cemetery in an attempt to discourage them."

For further information, members of the public can contact the cemetery offices on 01446 738663.



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Coffee with a copper

ON Monday, July 13 PCSOs Kyle Maiden, Richard Couch, Richard Matthews and Lesley Kerrigan attended the opening of the new ASDA store in Pyle along with their neighbourhood Sergeant Abi Biddle.

PCSO Maiden said: "We will also be holding 'Cuppa with a Copper' sessions at the café in the store every Monday between 11am and 1pm, where residents can have a chat to their local PCSOs and discuss any issues or concerns that they may have."

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PARTY TIME AT PENCOED COMPREHENSIVE

Sixth formers raise £700 for Breast Cancer Care



Pencoed staff, past and present enjoying the party.



Sixth form students with special guests.

PENCOED Comprehensive School's sixth form held its sixth annual strawberry tea party in support of Breast Cancer Care on Monday, July 13, at the school.

Weeks of preparation culminated in over £700 being raised for the charity. The weather did not dampen the spirits of guests, who thoroughly enjoyed being hosted by the students.

The students undertook all of the duties, ranging from parking attendants, tea and coffee makers, raffle ticket sellers, advertising, decorating and, of course...baking!

They also visited Croestry and Llanharan Primary School to sell cakes and colouring-in sheets.

The school canteen was transformed into a sea of pink, as everyone entered the spirit of the occasion. Special guests included Couns John McCarthy and Richard Williams and Coun Huw David - cabinet member

for children and young people. Past members of staff, including Mrs Margaret Nelson, also made a welcome visit. There was even time to celebrate Mr David Owen, head of 6th form's birthday!

The school thanked Tesco Express of Pencoed which donated all of the strawberries and cream for the event; also Ella Riley's confectioners of Bridgend, who donated a jar of strawberry bonbons to the winner of the 'Guess the amount of sweets in the jar' competition.

The event was supported by many local businesses, who donated prizes for the grand raffle.



Jacob Lloyd with his masterpiece.

STUMPED BY A STAMP!

FOUR days after the expected birthday date, I received a note to say there was an item at the Mail office, at Llandow, needing a payment of £1.11.

After several frustrating attempts to contact a human on the number given, I reluctantly drove to Llandow to be

told the first class stamp on a normal size birthday card was red - instead of gold!

Staff at Rhoose, where the card was posted, are baffled and we are very annoyed. Has anyone else experienced this outrageous attitude?

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Pencoed Comprehensive pupils have the audience purring with pleasure!



**REVIEW by
LINDA HARPWOOD.
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IAN DIXON.**

WELL, what am amazing three nights of spectacular performances of CATS by pupils at Pencoed Comprehensive School!

The show was sold out and those who managed to get tickets weren't disappointed in the slightest. Every aspect of the show was so professional – from the costumes, make-up, the sound and lighting, the music, the performances and the direction and choreography.

The production was evidence of the hard work put in by drama department staff (Mrs Kay Smith and Mrs Alex Hewitt) and pupils over the last year. Mrs Rhian Jenkins (head of music) and the musicians complemented the performances superbly.

The enthusiasm of the cast and the production team hadn't waned over the many months of rehearsals, as was evident from the performances. The dancing, singing and acting couldn't be faulted. Not only did the cats 'wow' everyone from the stage but they also surprised a number of the audience members as they snuggled up to them (as cats do!) in the hall during the evening. Pupils didn't only perform but a number also assisted with the direction, choreography costumes and make-up. Truly a team effort.

The audience clearly showed their appreciation of the singing and dancing performances during the three shows, leading to standing ovations at the end of each evening.

Mrs Smith said: "I really must thank Alex Hewitt for the hours and hours of support and help with CATS. The direction and choreography for this show cannot be separated and I cannot think of anyone else who I could have worked with on it.

"We have had one of our busiest years ever, with so many events in the drama department, so this show finishes it with a bang! Rhian Jenkins has worked with us and produced magical results with the musical direction of the orchestra.

"We all make a fantastic team and I love working with them both. I would also like to mention the commitment and dedication of all the former pupils who once again have returned to help with the show.

"Our shows could not take place without them and it is so fantastic that they feel they want to come back and help. The 'Your Way Events' team have been amazing and helped make my vision come to life. Nigel Keeping has again been a great support with parts of the set and technical support. The show is the result of hours and hours of rehearsals with fantastic kids and amazingly committed staff."

Mrs Smith also gave a special mention to the year-13 show cast members who were leaving this year: "It is always very sad to see my older pupils leave and I want them to know that they have made a massive impact in my drama department – Olivia Bruford, Zoe Morgan Sian Thomas, Leah Lent, Lily May Evans, Megan Owen, Gemma Moloney, and Kielan Yates.

"I wish you all the very best for the future and look forward to following your future careers with pride," she concluded.



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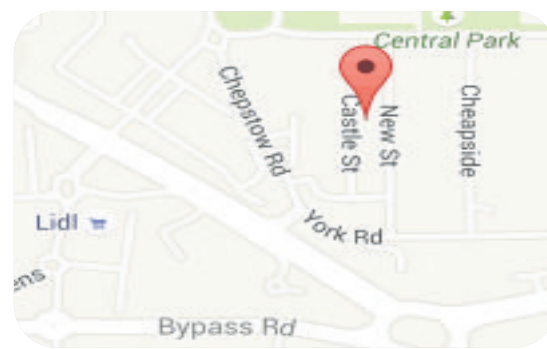
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HEALTH BOARD WINS NHS WALES AWARD!



THE Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has won an NHS Wales Award.

Its work with Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and Velindre NHS Trust to develop a dedicated service for patients with cancer associated thrombosis has won the Promoting Clinical Research and Application Award (supported by BMA Cymru Wales).

The service has been developed in partnership for patients with cancer

associated thrombosis and is helping to improve care, safety and wellbeing.

Raz Azam, Consultant Haematologist at Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "We are ecstatic to win this award as it reflects five years of work and research into cancer associated thrombosis."

"This research is enabling us to improve the service for patients and we now have up to 30 staff across the partner organisations working together to deliver better clinical care."

Local mums top of Welsh league - for flu prevention

MORE mums-to-be in the ABMU area had the flu jab last winter than in any other part of Wales, a survey has found.

Public Health Wales has published a report covering the uptake of both flu and pertussis vaccination in pregnant women in Wales during the 2014-15 season.

It was based on a survey of postnatal wards over the course of one week this year.

The take-up of the flu vaccine among pregnant women in the ABMU Health Board area was found to be the best in Wales.

Now the hope is to

repeat or even improve on this success when the new campaign gets under way this autumn.

Sarah Ace-Howells, from Gorseinon, had the flu jab while pregnant with her first child during the previous year's campaign.

Her daughter Gwen, who celebrated her first birthday last month, was born weighing a healthy 8lb 0.5oz. Sarah said:

"Midwives promoted the importance of having the flu vaccination as it didn't just protect me but also my unborn baby, who would continue to be protected after birth."

"It's a personal choice but going by my own experiences I would advise it - there is no reason to be concerned."

A woman's immune system becomes less effective during pregnancy, so viruses like the flu can cause serious problems to mother and baby.

These include mothers having severe infections; babies being born prematurely; a low birth weight; and, sadly, stillbirths or the baby dying within the first weeks of life.

The Public Health Wales survey found ABMU had an 80.9 per cent uptake - the highest in Wales. Hywel Dda had the second-best performance with 76 per cent, followed by Aneurin Bevan at 75 per cent.

ABMU's Public Health Director, Sara Hayes, said: "I was really pleased with our performance, which is down to midwives and GPs being very supportive of the programme."

Details about flu vaccination for pregnant women can be found on website: <http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/863/page/69550>

Appeal after gentle Jack is abandoned



Jack was abandoned by his owner.

DOGS Trust is appealing to local dog lovers to help find a loving home for an unwanted dog, abandoned outside the Bridgend Designer Outlet Centre.

The dog was left with a typed note requesting strangers to take him to a dogs' home.

The note, which was hung around his neck by a piece of string, read simply: "My Name is Jack, my master can no longer look after me, please contact the dogs home".

The sweet-natured terrier was confused and suffering from kennel cough when he was found, but fortunately thanks to a kind passer-by he did find his way to Dogs Trust and is now

recovering from the ordeal.

Seven-year-old Jack has since undergone veterinary treatment and plenty of TLC from the staff at Dogs Trust Bridgend and is now looking for the loving new home which he deserves.

Dogs Trust Bridgend Supporter Relations Officer Linda Feagan, commented: "We were shocked that anyone could abandon such a gentle dog."

"He is a sweet-natured boy who can live with older children and a compatible dog. He is a super little chap and he would make a fantastic pet in the right home."

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131418, 587492,

825537, 596986,

527261, 559878,

508014, 679604, 1518.

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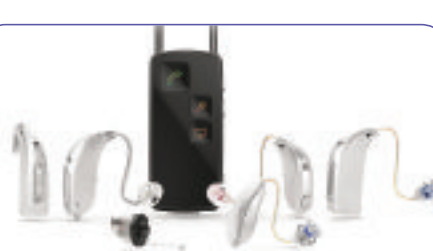
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Health board is overwhelmed after call for volunteers



ABOVE: Staff and volunteers at the information centre in Llandough with volunteer service manager Michelle Fowler.

WHEN Cardiff and Vale University Health Board put out a plea for volunteers, it was "overwhelmed" by the response from the local community.

During National Volunteers week (June 1-7), the health board began a call to action to recruit new volunteers, which resulted in over 50 applications, a spokeswoman reported.

"The volunteers not only help out in hospitals, but also in the local community, helping to deliver a number of services to residents in their homes."

"Open days were held at University Hospital of Wales Cardiff and University Hospital Llandough, where people could come along and chat to staff and volunteers about their experience of helping in a health care setting."

COMMUNITIES MINISTER IN VISIT TO CASTLELAND

RIGHT: Communities and Tackling Poverty Minister Lesley Griffiths and local Assembly Member Jane Hutt visited volunteers at the Drop-In Centre Development Trust at Castleland Community Centre on Tuesday, July 21. PHOTOGRAPH by JOHN O'BEIRNE valepresspix @lineone.net



IN the week that Communities and Tackling Poverty Minister, Lesley Griffiths announced that Barry would benefit to the tune of £842,857 in regeneration funding, she visited a community in the town centre.

The Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, said: "I was pleased to join the Minister on a visit to Castleland Community Centre and Drop-In Centre which hosts a wide variety of activities thanks to Welsh Government and Big Lottery funding."

"One organisation which makes regular use of the centre is the Castaways Club, which is a lifeline for many elderly people in the Vale."

The Minister and Assembly Member spent time talking to the Drop-In Centre manager Eileen Moore and local volunteers.

(For more on Barry's regeneration funding, turn to page 4).

Garden is open to the public

THE following garden will be open to the public as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

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Young Callum hands Leigh a WRU badge!



WELSH rugby star Leigh Halfpenny enjoyed an afternoon with children and families at Tŷ Hafan hospice for children in Wales – when he called in for a visit at Sully on Sunday.

Leigh a WRU pin badge as a present. Leigh was fantastic with all the families and even spoke to my cousin over the phone to wish her a happy birthday, and signed a card for her, which she was delighted with!"

A spokeswoman reported that ambassador for the charity, Leigh, spent time with all the children and got involved with a sports activity, where he hula-hooped, knocked down some skittles and even enjoyed a mini water fight!

He also helped by picking the charity's summer raffle winners and filmed a short clip wishing Tŷ Hafan's Rainbow Runners luck for its colourful fundraising event in Aberdare.

Among the families who enjoyed his company was Callum Sainsbury, his mum Amie, and dad Paul, from Brynmawr.

Amie said: "Callum wore his Wales top especially, and gave

Three-year-old Callum suffers from Ohtahara syndrome – a rare epilepsy condition – and was referred to Tŷ Hafan in 2013.

Amie added: "Leigh is a brilliant ambassador for Tŷ Hafan and it meant so much that we were able to meet him. He is such an amazing person and his girlfriend was really nice as well. Their visit really made everyone's day."

Leigh Halfpenny has been an ambassador for Tŷ Hafan since

November 2013 and supports the charity's work, including

organising a charity raffle – giving fans the chance to win some of his

rugby items – on his website www.leighhalfpenny.com



AM briefed on Aberthaw plans



The AM with Lafarge and Natural Resources Wales representatives.

LAFARGE Tarmac has updated the Vale AM, Jane Hutt, on its investment plans for the Aberthaw cement plant.

"The meeting was constructive and positive. I was pleased to hear about the company's community engagement plan, its commitment to making environmental improvements and being a good neighbour, which I am monitoring with regular updates and meetings," she commented.

AWARDS FOR BUDDING SCHOOL GARDENERS

VALE nursery and primary schoolchildren gathered at Dyffryn Gardens on a glorious summer afternoon recently for a schools competition, part of the Village of the Year Award.

Judges praised the children, parents and teachers for their hard work, and in the school gardens saw splendid fruit and veg, and extensive recycling; but it was the enthusiasm and knowledge of such young children that could not fail to impress.

Small children knew the names of the plants and flowers, of insects, moths and butterflies. One judge had been invited to stroke a slug.

Winners were:

Nursery section – 1st, Cadoxton; 2nd Bute Cottage; Special Merit award to Cogan Nursery.

Primary school section – 1st Eagleswell; 2nd Wick and Marcross; Special Merit award to Cadoxton Primary.



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Out and About with The GEM

Bingo afternoon

THE management committee at the Community Hall in Stewart Road, Rhose, is holding a bingo afternoon this Saturday (July 25) at the hall. Doors open at 1.45pm for a 2.30pm start. Light refreshments will be served at the half time break, plus a raffle.

Penarth Open Gardens trail

THE 19th Penarth Open Gardens trail takes place this Saturday from 10am - 6pm, and on Sunday (from 11am - 5pm).

'Love Parks Week' events at Bryngarw

POND dipping, nature trails and a seasonal walk are among the family-friendly events being planned at Bryngarw Country Park near Bridgend to celebrate this year's 'Love Park Week' (July 24-August 2).

It starts with the Welsh basket-makers south Wales group's exhibition in the visitor centre on July 24-26.

On July 27, families can help Ranger Beth feed the ducks at 10am and from 2pm-4pm, volunteers can help rid Bryngarw of Himalayan

balsam, a highly invasive species spreading across the park.

The park rangers will be running a pond dipping session from 11am to 12.30pm on Tuesday, July 28 and on Wednesday, July 29, 'Wild Wednesdays' activities begin with children learning how to weave butterflies and dragon flies from willow.

Families can follow a nature trail around the park on July 30 from 10am-12pm. Finally, on Friday, July 31, visitors discover the wonders of the park by joining Ranger Dan for a free seasonal nature walk from the visitor centre at 11am.

There are eight gardens and private allotments open as follows:

164 Redlands Road, Penarth, Sat/Sun; 68 Redlands Road, Sat only; 77 Coleridge Avenue, Sat/Sun; 1 Cosmeston Cottages, Lavernock Road Sat/Sun; 23 Knowbury Avenue, Sat/Sun; 135 Plymouth Road, Sat only; the children's garden at the public library, Stanwell Road, Sat only; private allotments between 63 - 65 Westbourne Road, Sat only; and 4 Tudor Close, Westbourne Road, Sat/Sun.

Admission by Rover ticket, £5 inc (tea/coffee at no 4) may be purchased at any of the gardens, children admitted free.

All proceeds go to the Children's Society.

Beach clean

FRIENDS of Barry Beaches will be holding their next local beach clean at the Knap beach this Sunday, July 26, at 3pm.

More volunteers are needed to keep local beaches clean and tidy.

For further information, log onto
www.fobb.bctck.co.uk.

Charity sale

THERE will be a One Price sale in the Lesser

Countdown to music festival

COWBRIDGE Music Festival celebrates its sixth year on September 17-25, with nine concerts, more than 40 musicians, two days of masterclasses and five school performances.

Opening the nine-day musical feast is cello octet Cellophony, whose critically acclaimed debut *Vibrez* was released last autumn.

CMF's Young Artist for 2015 is 16-year-old Cardiff violinist Charlie Lovell-Jones. After acing his Grade 8 exam at the age of nine, he went on to lead the National Children's Orchestra for three years, and as a soloist has appeared with the BBC NOW and English Chamber Orchestra.

Clarinetist Julian Bliss makes two appearances at this year's festival, the first in collaboration with Irish soprano Ailish Tynan, winner of the Rosenblatt Prize at BBC Cardiff Singer of the World; the second a celebration of Afro-Cuban and Brazilian rhythms with his acclaimed Latin-jazz

septet.

Founded in Geneva in 2009, Camerata Alma Viva string ensemble breaks the barriers of the traditional concert, inspired by Gabor Takacs and the Hungarian School of quartet-playing.

The festival takes its first steps into singer-songwriter territory this year with 20-year-old Greta Isaac from Cowbridge, whose first EP, *Down by the Water*, received wide acclaim and embodies her love of folk and Americana.

London-based Alice Zawadzki, jazz singer, composer and violinist brings to Cowbridge her latest project *Songs To The Moon*.

Lunar-themed material spanning folkloric music, classical lyricism and spacious jazz will be brought to life by guitarist Alex Roth and cellist Alice Purton.

In a separate patrons' concert on November 12, violinist and CMF patron Nicola Benedetti will perform with her trio: pianist Alexei Grynyuk and cellist Leonard Elschenbroich.

Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Wednesday, July 29, from 2pm - 3.30pm.

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Romans talk

RHOOSE and District History Society's next meeting is on Friday, July 31, at 7.30pm in the lesser hall (side entrance) of Rhose Community hall, Stewart Road, Rhose.

Dr Edith Evans will speak on 'The Romans in the Vale of Glamorgan'. All are welcome; £1 per person entry to cover costs.

Valeways walks

Saturday, August 1, at 10.30am, 'Lighthouse, Coast and College', starts at Nash Point car park.

Tuesday, August 4 at 10am, 'Crwydro', Ynys y Barri/Barry Island, starting at Coffee Cove Cafe.

Wednesday, August 5 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers meet at Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre. Also on August 5 at 1pm, 'Walk and Click' from Cosmeston Country Park visitor centre.

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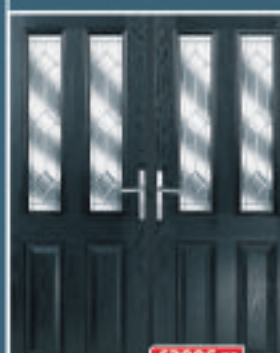
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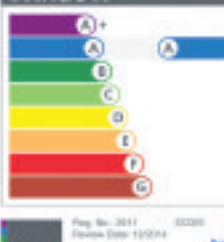
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WITH A 'FIZZY FEEL' AND A SENSE OF FUN, ANT-MAN IS A GIGANTIC SUCCESS!

THE Marvel universe seems to be a pretty satisfying place to make a film, so it was surprising that, with only weeks until filming, *Ant-Man's* director Edgar Wright departed the

project; even more surprising was the hiring of Peyton Reed to replace him, a man known for the likes of comedies *Bring It On* and *Yes Man* – not quite what Marvel are known for.

However, the wisdom of this decision can now

be judged as *Ant-Man* hits screens, seeing Scott Lang (Paul Rudd), a thief looking to go straight, hired by inventor Hank Pym (Michael Douglas) to pull off a heist, with the aid of a suit designed to shrink the wearer to the size of a – you guessed it – ant, have the ability to command the creatures, and have super-strength.

In Pym's sights is Darren Cross (Corey Stoll), who has taken Pym's company from him; with Pym's daughter Hope (Evangeline Lilly) training Lang, will this unlikely hero save the day?

With the change of director, and with Paul Rudd and Adam McKay (director of *Anchorman*) redrafting the script (although Edgar Wright and Joe Cornish do retain a scriptwriting credit), this is the first Marvel film to have experienced the infamous 'creative differences' in the full glare of the public eye.

Not that you would guess from the finished product, however; *Ant-Man* is a Marvel film through and through, yet it manages to be one of the most enjoyable offerings from the studio, aimed at a slightly younger

audience than its fellow films and while not flawless, makes for a thoroughly satisfying effort.

There are definite signposts of Edgar Wright's script, and even elements of his directing style, present in the film, but plenty of credit must be given to Peyton Reed who, as the choice no-one saw coming, fell into the project with very little time, yet who has helped to craft something that doesn't lack in fun.

The powers of *Ant-Man* himself mean that the film offers something new and different visually, and Reed embraces that element, with things such as drips of water and ants themselves being superbly realised as Lang gets to grips with his shrinking powers.

He also takes the prize for creating what is possibly the finest action climax in Marvel films so far, a battle that drips with verve, style, invention – and Thomas The Tank Engine.

Tonally, it plays differently to previous Marvel films, more akin to *Guardians of the Galaxy* than *Iron Man*, and not just because of the 'heist movie' set up giving the film a

different dynamic; as alluded to earlier, it plays a little younger, no bad thing at all when it's this much fun, while there is a greater level of comedy at play amidst the contractually-obligated moments of dramatic exposition and links to the wider Marvel universe.

The cast are very strong, Paul Rudd excelling in the lead role; as the audience's gateway into this world, his Lang is a loveable rogue, and the actor plays the role pitch perfectly, while Michael Douglas, as the wizened and slightly worn Pym, lends gravitas and heart in equal measure.

Evangeline Lilly fits the bill as Pym's daughter, with more than a hint that her future could involve a costume at some point, but Corey Stoll, unfortunately, is lumbered with a dud of a villain in Cross.

Un-engaging, drawn from cliché and lacking any real build-up, Stoll is unable to wring any more out of the character than what is on the page.

The villain is one of a few flaws in the film; there are a few moments where too much is played for laughs, where the

heightened stakes lose tension in a rush to elbow in a gag or two, while Scott's gang of fellow criminals feels like a comedic concession too far.

That said, with its fizzy feel and sense of fun, *Ant-Man* makes for a gigantic success; with an end-of-credits scene hinting that he'll become part of the larger Marvel universe sooner rather than later, this is a wonderful introduction to the character.

VERDICT: A 'Marvel'-lous film,

Ant-Man is a hugely pleasing superhero film that ticks all the boxes.

Though its villain is undercooked in the extreme, everything else on show makes for an enjoyable and entertaining viewing experience, while Peyton Reed silences the doubters with strong direction.

Highly recommended.

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WHAT'S ON/ in brief

Holiday fun

THE Vale Council's sports and play development team is organising a family fun day, supported by Barry Town Council this Friday, July 24, from 11am to 3pm at King's Square and Central Park, Barry.

It will include athletics, mini golf, badminton, arts and crafts, giant outdoor games, den building and a homemade photo booth.

WIs celebrate
THE Glamorgan

Federation of Women's Institutes is holding its annual show on Saturday (July 25) (from 10am – 5pm) at North Cornelly Community Centre.

The WI is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the organisation.

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St Baruc's choir stars in Gwyl Fach y Fro



SATURDAY, July 11, saw the hugely successful launch of the Little Vale Festival (Gwyl Fach y Fro) at Barry Island's new outdoor performance area at the east end of the promenade.

The crowds enjoyed a sunny, windy day of music from seven school choirs and other performers, including the exciting 13-piece jazz-band Wonderbrass.

Sant Baruc's school choir, conducted by Mrs Delwen Williams, sang a popular programme of Welsh songs in harmony, including the much-loved 'Calon Lan'.

This first Little Vale Festival was celebrating Welsh music in the Vale, one of the Barry Island Weekenders events in 2015 – and also part of the Vale's Welsh language initiative, 'Menter Bro Morgannwg', aiming to promote Welsh culture and language in the county.

For information on their year-long programme of gigs, comedy evenings, social events, storytimes, and all kinds of sporting activities, visit the website: www.menterbromorgannwg.cymru.

WI garden partygoers braved the weather!

ON July 8, about 800 members of the Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes donned their best outfits with stunning hats, and made their way to Margam Park, Port Talbot for a special garden party.

It was just one of the exciting events hosted this year by the Federation to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the National Federation in Wales and England and the Channel Islands.

The celebrations started in January and have included a lunch and flower demonstration, a moving Service of Thanksgiving in Llandaff Cathedral, fashion shows and a demonstration day, which showcased some of

the many WI skills.

The garden party at Margam Park braved inclement weather and members were able to sit in the Orangery and enjoy its spectacular setting. Some made use of a specially-erected marquee and others had their picnics under the restored arches of the Chapter House.

The afternoon was a huge success despite the weather and members are now looking forward to attending more celebratory events throughout the summer and autumn, which culminate in the traditional Festival of Carols in the Brangwyn Hall, Swansea in December. **JE**

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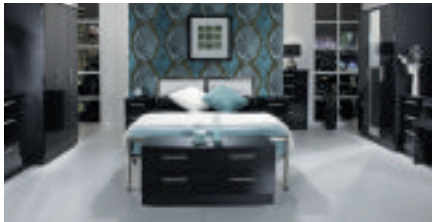
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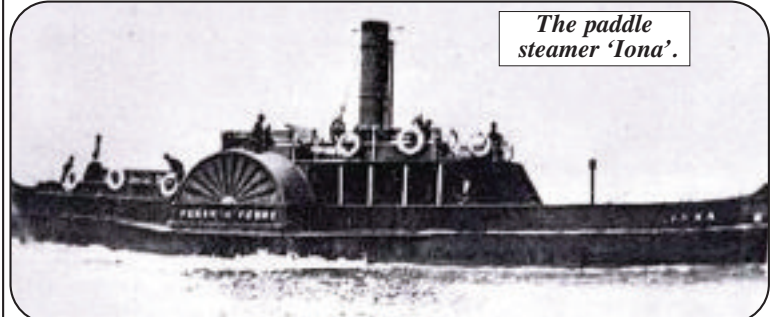
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When paddle steamers were the way to travel...

The paddle steamer 'Iona'.



LOCAL historian, **BRIAN KEITCH**, continues his series of articles, looking back at Penarth 150 years ago, when the docks were opened.

TRAVEL 150 years ago could be quite a bit of fun, but Penarth still had to wait another 13 years for the first passenger train.

The line to Barry was even further away – some 22 years hence. And as far as Penarth Pier was concerned – a wait of a staggering 40 years!

There was help at hand. The main obstacle in getting to Cardiff was water – the Afon Elai/River Ely. It is often said that the town of Penarth has kept its separate identity over the years because of this natural barrier.

However, up popped the Penarth Ferry which ran to and from Penarth Dock entrance to the Pier Head in Cardiff dockland. When the tide allowed the little paddle steamer *Kate* went back and fore every 20 minutes – the fare? – 2d (less than 1p today).

The company that set up the Penarth Ferry (which was to last for almost 50 years) was the Cardiff Steam Navigation Company. *Kate* was a double-ended paddle steamer (with rudders both fore and aft), was 40 tons and had a capacity for 227 passengers.

In 1867, the business passed to Robert Easthope with the support of Valentine Traves. With business booming they acquired the small twin screw vessel *La Belle Marie*, which like the *Kate* hailed from John Payne and Co, from Bristol.

Another change of hands ensued in 1883, when Henry James Vellacott of Penarth snapped up the shares. Thus it became the Penarth Steam Ferry Company Ltd. The fleet was immediately enhanced with the purchase of the *Iona* –

another double-ender of some 64 tons and 91 feet in length.

In 1893, a second larger paddle steamer – also with the name of *Kate* arrived – of 99 tons built of steel by Mc Arthur and Company at Paisley. By this time, plans were afoot to construct a subway under the River Ely and by May 1900, the link had been completed.

Thomas Morel took up the reins with just the *Iona* (by which time all the other boats had been sold on), but with fast excursion steamers operating from the now-opened Penarth Pier (along with trains, Solomon Andrews omnibuses etc) the Penarth ferry faded away in October 1903.

But back to 1865. A chain ferry could get you from Penarth to Ferry Road (hence the name still today) but it was then a fair old trek into Cardiff. The Penarth Ferry landed the traveller at the hub of packet and coastal steamer services at the Pier Head pontoons.

Ships from the Bute West Docks, Bute East Docks and the Glamorganshire Canal wharves sailed all around the British coastal ports, all over Europe and – the world!

All this on the doorstep was thanks to the Penarth Ferry!

One popular destination for south Wales was Bristol (curiously called the 'Queen of south Wales'). In 1865, the steamer to catch was the *Velindra*. This paddle steamer introduced a new standard of travel to the packet ships. She was throughout her career of 37 years one of the most popular ships on the channel.

To this day, there is a public house in Bristol that bears her name (in Commercial Street, near to Bathurst Basin – where the ship used to call).

She was on this Cardiff – Bristol run from 1860 until 1867, when she became one of the Pockett fleet in Swansea where her popularity flourished.

Velindra still visited Bristol under Pockett's, but was to be found doing excursion work at resorts and ports all around south Wales and the west country until 1897, when the now-ageing paddler was replaced by the ex-railway steamer, the *Brighton*. *Velindra* met her end at the breakers in Clevedon in 1898.

Other popular destinations in those early years in Penarth were Burnham, Bridgewater and of course Weston. Tugs often took excursionists in the summer months to various locations too – Flat Holm being popular because there was a pub there.

Then there was the railway. If Penarth still had a few years to get on the map for passengers – the ferry was just a few hundred yards from Cardiff Docks station on the Taff Vale Railway (now Bae Caerdydd/ Cardiff Bay). 1865 was also the year that the Cowbridge Railway opened.

So how about a sojourn to Cowbridge then? No problem – the train from Cardiff Docks took you to Trefforest or Pontypridd where the Taff Vale Railway had a branch to Llantrisant (now Pontyclun) at which point the traveller could change trains to Cowbridge! But still it was another 10 years wait for passenger trains to start this route!

It was possible to go via the Great Western Railway – but you would need a GW ticket as well as a Taff Vale one. London was now a destination of the Great

Western Railway (Great Way Round) but would require going via Gloucester because the Severn Tunnel was still years away.

An alternative was to use the New Passage from Portskewett to the Gloucester side of the channel (if you fancied risking the often precarious ferry across the Severn!). Most folk, it seems, preferred to take the *Velindra* direct to Bristol (with well appointed cabins, dining facilities – including a female stewardess!) and on to London on Brunel's broad-gauge railway.

Although Cardiff was fast expanding in the 1860s, Bristol had been the established market city on the Mor Hafren/Severn Sea and – thanks to sea-charts, the Bristol Channel from around the 16th century.

Travel back in 1865 was in many ways so different – yet it is still possible to follow in the much the same footsteps. *M.V. Balmoral* is once again plying to Bristol. Cardiff Bay Station is now a shuttle service to Queen Street. Gone, however is the slow train from Pontypridd to Cowbridge (and later Abergthaw).

The pier at Burnham quietly rotted away (once a through ferry/rail route from Cardiff to Bournemouth) and Weston Bimbeck Pier seems about to fall into the sea. But of course back one 150 years ago there was still the reliable steed to ride about the Vale.

Happy days!

TASTER SESSIONS

THERE will be a freerunning and parkour taster session at Barry Leisure Centre on Wednesday, July 29 at 4pm – 5.30pm, for youngsters aged 16 and under who would like to get involved in these sports.

This taster session costs £1 for everyone and will be run by experienced and qualified coaches who will take attendees through the basics of freerunning and parkour.

Further weekly sessions run every Wednesday which will cost £3 per person, with a discounted rate of £1 for those in the Communities First areas, which include parts of Buttrills, Cadoc, Castleland, Court and Gibbonsdown.

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Autism fun day is given £900 boost from company

PERSIMMON Homes East Wales has handed £900 to the Cardiff and Vale branch of the National Autistic Society, towards the group's fun day at Palmerston Adult Centre on September 5 in Barry.

Tracy Lewis of the branch said: "This is brilliant news. We had

been struggling for funding for our fun day, so this generous donation from Persimmon Homes East Wales is a huge boost.

"This will be a fun day for parents and carers affected daily by living with a child or adult on the autistic spectrum.

"Life can be very difficult at times for families dealing with autism. This will be a day of happiness for the whole family to

enjoy bouncy castles, stalls and shows."

Victoria Williams of Persimmon Homes said: "We're delighted to be able to hand over this money to the Cardiff and Vale National Autistic Society Branch to help towards their fun day.

"I'm sure it will be a great day for families in Barry who are affected by autism."

Vale Council's plans to entertain during holidays

THE Vale Council's family information service has put together a huge programme of all the activities taking place for children and young people in the Vale this summer.

There are hundreds of activities and schemes being organised by various providers throughout the Vale during the summer holiday period, including holiday childcare schemes, free sports and leisure activities, and events across the Vale's

libraries.

The council's play development team will be running a number of free play schemes in venues across the Vale, which will also include sports sessions such as badminton, football, tennis and volleyball.

The disability team scheme is also running at Cadoxton Moors Community Centre for young people aged 12 to 19 for only £5 per day. Further to this, there will be a huge range of activities being offered by various other centres and organisations across the county.

Leisure centres in

Barry, Llantwit Major and Penarth will be offering free swimming activities such as rookie life-guard sessions, fun inflatables, and water polo, and there will be free tennis sessions available at Penarth Windsor Lawn Tennis Club, Llantwit Major tennis courts, and Romilly Park.

In August, the Heritage Coast Centre will be hosting a sand sculpture competition on Dunraven bay at just £3 per team, and the Seaside Rangers will be hosting the Marine Wildlife Club for juniors, with a two-hour

session costing £4.50 per child.

And St Donat's Arts Centre will be hosting a sing-along cinema session at £3.50 per child featuring the Disney spectacle *Frozen*, as well as archery sessions, a medieval knights and princesses craft workshop, and a magic workshop with magician Simon Sparkles, all at £8.50 per person.

Also on offer are a series of Go Wild events across the Vale's Country Parks, as well as the Medieval Mystery activities at Cosmeston Medieval Village.

A full programme with all dates, times, prices and contact details is available online at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/fis.

For more information contact the Family Information Service on 01446 704704, or email fis@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk. You can also keep up to date with what's going on by searching Vale Family Information Service on Facebook or following @ValeFIS on Twitter.

Fibromyalgia advice session
FIBROMYALGIA will be discussed at an Age Connects Cardiff and Vale health topic session on August 4 (10am to 12 midday) at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry.

A health care professional will be available to answer questions on practical, emotional and support services that are available.

Contact 01446 732385 for further information. No appointment is needed.

Dyffryn Gardens bidding for a top national title

DYFFRYN GARDENS at St Nicholas in the Vale of Glamorgan won the public's vote in a competition run by the National Trust Wales.

The Trust launched its major summer campaign in May to find the most-loved place in Wales and after weeks of voting the shortlist saw Dyffryn Gardens win the title in the parks and gardens category.

"They need your vote now more than ever to secure the overall title for Wales' favourite special place," a spokesperson said.

Last year saw Penarth Pier and Pavilion being crowned the final winner. Dyffryn and four other places have been shortlisted and they will now go on to battle it out to be the overall winner.

Staff and volunteers are asking the public to vote either at Dyffryn; via social media using #lleoddarbennig / #specialplaces; or using the voting app on Wales Online and @NTWales Facebook - ahead of the closing date on August 4.

Geraldine Donovan, Dyffryn's general manager said: "We are thrilled to have won our category. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who voted for us. It really couldn't have come at a better time for us. We have just finished restoring three of the

major garden 'rooms' at Dyffryn and the gardens are improving dramatically year on year and obviously the public thinks so too.

"It is such a pleasure to have been shortlisted and we would love to take home the prize of being the overall champion. It doesn't matter if you have already voted as the scores are reset to zero. We need everyone's help to take home the trophy so please get voting!"

Dyffryn was backed by TV presenter Matt Johnson, who said: "We are so lucky to have such beautiful green spaces in Wales, and it's easy to see why Dyffryn Gardens stole the hearts of the nation to win this category.

"Being able to drive just 20 minutes from a busy capital and step into a world-renowned garden isn't something we can say about every country, and that's why it should take the top prize in my books. It really does have a place in the nation's heart and I'm confident it will come out on top in August. So get voting people, we have two weeks to win this."

To get behind Team Dyffryn and vote for them to win, simply Tweet, Facebook or Instagram 'Dyffryn Gardens' using #lleoddarbennig / #specialplaces @NTWales or vote on Wales Online here: bit.ly/1E77Qlq on Facebook here: [10n.fb.me/1KJqw6g](https://www.facebook.com/10n.fb.me/1KJqw6g).



MASONS

MASONS – a Barry family business that has stood the test of time...

RIGHT: Innovation is a big part of the Masons' story – here's the latest, a storage 'pod' delivered to a customer's house. The customer loads the pod and Masons will then pick it up and return it safely to storage.



MASONS Moving Group Ltd is a family business that has stood the test of time – from the days of the humble horse and cart in 1905, to the present day as an international group dealing in removals, flexible storage, packaging supplies, and vehicles criss-crossing countries to relocate people and offices.

The Masons' group of businesses, which also

includes The Business Centre, is located at Priority Enterprise Park, just off Cardiff Road in Barry (not far from the McDonald's roundabout). It moved its head office to the present site in the 1980s.

The company is run by Eric and Esme Mason's sons Gordon, Richard, and Brett – with a fourth generation of family members already on the horizon.

Over the years Masons has helped to

move the homes and businesses of thousands of people in the UK and abroad.

Gordon Mason has always been determined to innovate and create new areas of business.

"We started the first container storage in the Vale of Glamorgan. Later on, the first self storage in the Vale, and eight years ago the first business centre in the area."

The family's expansion into storage

facilities is an irony not lost on Gordon. "Back in the 50s my Dad used to rent out garage space in the Coldbrook yard, Cadoxton!"

Masons Self Storage
Sarah Mason recently joined her three brothers in the business as a marketing consultant for all the companies in the group.

Sarah grew up in Barry and went to university in London at the age of 20. She stayed in London for 30 years, pursuing a career in marketing, and bringing up four children. She worked as a marketing director for worldwide names such as Club Med, the Monarch Travel Group and Cosmos Tours and Cruises, and spent 10 years specialising in digital marketing.

This year she was encouraged by her mother Esme to join her brothers to ensure the Masons Group was keeping up in the fast paced digital age.

Sarah has a hectic life, splitting her time between Barry, London and the Loire Valley in France where she lives with her French husband and youngest daughter.

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MASONS 'MOVING WITH THE TIMES'

A new generation looks to the future

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Sarah emphasised that although the company was well established in removals, it has always looked to the future.

"In 1995, the Mason family saw an opportunity to further help local homes and businesses by offering secure self storage to those needing a little bit of extra space. And so the Welsh Self Storage Centre was born, later to become known as the 'Space Centre'.

"Twenty years later, we made a decision to go back to our roots. We introduced the trusted industry name of Masons to the world of self storage, and in 2015 not only are we proud to unveil our refurbished, state-of-the-art self storage facility, but also a unique mobile self storage service and a packing supplies shop – all under one roof and under the name Masons Self Storage.

"With 20 years of providing safe, flexible storage space, we're the best choice for storage and packing supplies needs in south Wales."

Self storage is often a problem-solver for people

who don't have enough space for their things.

Gordon, who recently appointed John Walsh as Masons Self Storage manager, said: "There are two types of self-storage, the homeowner and businesses, and we provide facilities for both. Sometimes a business wants to house stock, rather than pay business rates.

"For homeowners, they might need self storage for items of sentimental value that they don't have space for at home. Rates are very competitive."

John said every care is taken to ensure the safety of stored items:

"At Masons Self Storage we recognise the importance of security and flexibility when storing customers' personal possessions, so we have ensured that our refurbished storage centre provides them both.

"With state-of-the-art security systems, the buildings all have smoke detectors and fire alarms, and the premises are secured by a fully alarmed system. The reception has been designed to enable full monitoring of the units with 24-hour digital CCTV.

"We also offer our customers a large choice of storage space sizes, from 25 square feet to 1,000 square feet, so the size people choose and how long they require it is all down to their needs. If people need more or less storage space, all they have to do is let us know and we can arrange to change it for them.

"Whatever their personal storage requirements, they choose the size, the time and we make the process easy with free parking and regular access."

Masons Packaging Supplies shop is based in the self storage unit. It has packing boxes, bubble wrap, packing paper and tape, for people who want to pack up their own items to store or in preparation for a move.

An exciting new idea is storage 'pods', part of

Masons Mobile Self Storage.

Gordon explained: "Mobile self storage is a great, new, convenient storage option that Masons Self Storage now offers customers, throughout south Wales.

"Our storage units, called pods, are delivered directly to a customer's home and left with them to fill at their own pace.

"Once the customer is ready, they give us a call and we come to collect the pod. There's no hiring of vans required, no loading and unloading each time. The customer loads the pod and we do the rest."

NEW GENERATION

As you can see, the Masons Group never stands still, and the fourth generation are already making their mark on the business.

Richard Mason said: "It is great to see a fourth generation bringing new blood and ideas into the company!"

Gordon's son James is the manager of The Business Centre, which provides flexible serviced offices, and his daughter Emma joined the centre earlier this year. Brett's son Warren is an assistant transport manager in Mason's Moving Group. Richard's son Danny works as a porter on the vans.

Masons was originally founded in the early years of the last century by Sidney Mason, when he opened a shop in Main Street dealing in second hand furniture.

His son Eric, who was a fighter pilot in the Second World War, took over the reins of the company and with his wife Esme established its firm long term foundations. Eric died in 1982. Esme, now in happy retirement, served the company for an astonishing 53 years.

Family members were expected to work their way up through the company, so Gordon had to do his share of removals. He joined the company at the age of 15 out of school.

In those days, journeys between Barry and Cardiff were far from simple. It was days before the top road out of Barry and there was a novel way of getting under Biglis Bridge on the outskirts of the town.

Gordon recalled: "We had to let the van's tyres down and then pump them back up on the other side of the bridge!"

"I remember doing a job in London once in the 1970s. We parked in a street with terraced houses and decided to have a break for a cup of tea, sitting on the back of the van.

"A guy came out of a house and said to us: 'You're blocking the light in my lounge.' It was Elton John!"

The company has clocked up numerous achievements in helping people 'on the move'.
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James Mason is the centre manager of The Business Centre which is based at Cardiff House, Cardiff Road, Barry.



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Mr Marlow continued: "On the carnival field, was a travelling fair, Bridge FM, with numerous stalls and sideshows.

"The main attraction - John Evans - performed amazing balancing acts and created a new world record by balancing 27 tables on his head.

"The crowds were entertained by Porthcawl Rock Club, Revolutionise dance and Penybont Gymnastics Club.

"Also, Pick 'n Mix conducted magic workshops for the children, and there was a large variety of stalls".

The Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun David Newton Williams, presented the following prizes:

Winner of children's float - Porthcawl Sea Cadets.

Runners up - Menter Ogwr.

Winners of the adult float - Portway surgery.

Runners up - Ancient Briton Public House.

Winners of the walkers - Penybont gymnastics.

(SEE NEXT WEEK'S GEM FOR
MORE CARNIVAL PICTURES)



HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR'S POWERFUL REMINDER OF NAZI CAMP HORRORS

Eva (70) tells her moving story at Heronston

A HOLOCAUST survivor has shared her experiences with pupils from Bridgend county secondary schools.

Seventy-year-old Eva Clarke visited Heronsbridge School to share her account about how both she and her mother survived the Holocaust after the American army liberated the Mauthausen camp in Austria, when Eva was just three days old.

The testimony was followed by a question and answer session to enable pupils to understand the nature of the Holocaust better and to explore its lessons in more depth, a *spokesperson reports*.

The story of Eva's mum, Anka Bergman, and her daughter is one of astonishing survival.

Anka arrived pregnant at Auschwitz in 1944, and gave birth five months later on a cart being transported to Mauthausen, a notorious Nazi death camp. Her mother was forced to deliver her as she lay on a mass heap of dying, typhoid-ridden prisoners slung on to a wooden cart by ruthless SS officers.

Eva was so weak when she was born that she didn't cry, and weighed only 3lb. Had Anka Bergman gone into labour just 24 hours earlier, her daughter would almost certainly not be here – both of them would have been killed moments after Eva took her first breath. Luckily, Eva's arrival coincided with the collapse of the Third Reich.

Coun Hailey Townsend, Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet member for children's

social services and equalities, said: "It was a privilege for us to welcome Eva Clarke to Bridgend County Borough and her testimony remains a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced."

We hope that by hearing Eva's testimony, it will encourage our pupils to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and see where prejudice and racism can ultimately lead, and hopefully make a positive difference in their own lives.

"Educating and engaging pupils across the county borough about the Holocaust, and subsequent genocides, is vital and there can be no better way than through the first-hand testimony of a survivor. Eva's story is one of tremendous courage during horrific circumstances."

"We will ensure that we honour the memory of those whose lives were lost and take forward the lessons taught by those who survived."

The secondary schools who attended included: Archbishop McGrath, Brynteg, Bryntirion, Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen, Cynffig, Heronsbridge, Pencoe, Porthcawl, and Ysgol Bryn Castell.

The event also included a poem recital from Brynteg Comprehensive School pupils, which they had written especially for the Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) event which was held earlier this year in the council's Civic Offices in Bridgend.

To keep the memory alive, a tree has been planted next to a HMD plaque which is situated on the grounds of Heronsbridge School.



Remembrance stones surround the tree, each with a message from the schools present.

The visit was part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's outreach programme, which is available to schools across the UK.



Student nurse is honoured after 'exceptional' service with Bridgend nursing team



STUDENT nurse Sian Gibbon has picked up a special award in recognition of her outstanding behaviour in responding to a challenging situation.

Sian was honoured by the University of South Wales, where she is studying for a degree in nursing, after being nominated by community staff nurse Jane Williams, of Bridgend locality nursing team.

Jane said Sian's positive reaction to a particularly difficult and sensitive situation involving one of her patients during her time spent on rotation in the community earned her nomination.

She said: "Sian is exceptional and an asset to the university. She showed compassion, understanding and ability in helping the registered staff with the patient and the patient's family."

Sian was congratulated during a special student recognition event at the university in Pontypridd but she says many of the skills she has exhibited

are down to the example set by her mentors during her time on placement with the community team and at Princess of Wales Hospital.

She said: "Every mentor I have had has been just what a mentor should be. I look up to them and I learn from them. They really love their jobs."

Sian (35) of Whitchurch in Cardiff, has just completed the first year of her degree course after switching careers from being a dental nurse.

"I did enjoy my old job but I wanted to be more hands-on and wanted to be able to do more to help patients. I am thoroughly enjoying my training."

ABMU's practice education facilitator Majella Kavanagh said: "What the registered staff have been humble about is the large part they play in supporting our nursing students and making it possible for our students to react appropriately."

"The community team can congratulate themselves as Sian's response demonstrates that professional and compassionate values are being role modelled by this team."

'Public were misled over LDP' - claim

I would like to reply to comments made by Coun Lis Burnett, Vale cabinet member for regeneration, in last week's GEM.

In the article, I highlighted the failure to examine many thousands of alternative site representations submitted by Vale residents as part of what has now been revealed to be the laughably titled 'consultation process'.

Coun Burnett appears to be claiming that a handful of minor changes in the LDP makes up for not bothering to read, rebut or approve, thousands of representations sent in by residents who had been given the false impression by herself, and the Vale LDP team, that their, in many cases highly detailed efforts, were part of a joint public and local authority initiative in openness and consultation - in order that full public engagement be an integral part of the authority's LDP process.

Despite Coun Burnett's defence that the council followed the Welsh Government's consultation process, I'm struggling to remember any mention made by herself or the Vale's LDP team during the long drawn out public

consultation process that thousands of submissions presented in good faith by the public were to be filed unread and unconsidered.

In fact, during a Vale cabinet meeting held some weeks ago, Coun Burnett spent a solid five minutes praising the Vale LDP team for its work in examining the thousands of representations submitted by the public.

The only thing missing was, of course, mention that the Vale's LDP team had not in fact examined many of these representations. She must have forgotten to mention that little point during her tribute.

I would ask Coun Burnett, Emma Reed and the Vale LDP team to point out, when and where at any time during their much-publicised consultation process, stretching back to 2012, that they highlighted to the public that their submissions would not even be looked at.

I would also ask why, if the process was so open and transparent, it was that the Vale LDP team made every effort for weeks to hide this fact during my enquiries, until it became fairly obvious to me the reason for this evasiveness was because what I had suspected was true. **Coun Kevin Mahoney** UKIP, Sully ward

A regional AM backs traders' drive to reopen town centre to traffic

A CAMPAIGN being launched by Bridgend traders to get part of the town centre re-opened to traffic is being backed by regional AM, Suzy Davies.

She met Steve Bletsoe, chairman of the new traders' forum, who runs the Ella Riley sweet shop in Nolton Street with his partner, Freya Sykes, a town councillor.

The group is fighting for Queen Street, Dunraven Place and Market Street to be re-opened to traffic, leaving the rest of the town centre pedestrianised.

Mr Bletsoe said: "It is crucial that people are allowed in to have easier access to the shops, post office and banks."

There are already parking bays which could be available to them for up to 20 or 30 minutes. Anyone who needs longer could use one of the car parks and walk in.

"Traders would be able to do click and collect if shoppers could come in and collect their goods. That's the only way we can compete with internet shopping. It would open up the town to new business."

"The council has to realise that without shops, there would be no town centre. It does not belong to the council - it



Suzy Davies (centre) with Steve Bletsoe and Freya Sykes.

belongs to all of us - traders, residents and shoppers alike. The council needs to act to ensure that shopkeepers feel that they have a future in Bridgend."

Mrs Davies, a Welsh Conservative regional AM, said: "Town centres have moved on from the days when pedestrianisation was seen as a panacea to all problems."

"Councils across the UK are now seeing that over-pedestrianisation starves their town centres of footfall and are reversing it."

"This was the last part of the town to be pedestrianised and it is a step too far, isolating the trade area from main parking areas. Councillors and officers, who were in favour at that time, should be big enough to admit that it has not worked and look at it again."

"There is a difference between opening up

traffic flow to revitalise trade and creating a rat run. Motorists will only come to this end of town if they want to use the shops and other businesses."

"Safety of pedestrians needs to remain paramount. Some work needs to be done on kerb depths, but this is a surmountable problem."

"Traffic is already allowed into this part of town until 10am, creating confusion about the purpose of scrapping kerb stones and whether it is pedestrians or traffic which has precedence. Wouldn't it be safer to make that clear?"

"BCBC has spent the past 10 years and £10 million pedestrianising the town. The traders are now asking them to find a relatively small sum to reinstate the kerbs, and open up that part of the town, leaving the rest of it traffic-free."

"Pride in a thriving town is more important than saving face on an outdated decision. I will be contacting chief executive Darren Mepham to ask for this to be looked at urgently."

Talk looks at local marine life

A MARINE biologist will be in Porthcawl to talk about the new Swansea Bay marine voluntary code of conduct on July 27.

Winter Dotto will lead presentations and discussions in the Green Room, above SUSSIED, 4/5 James Street, Porthcawl, 6.30pm to 7.45pm.

She is currently working for the Swansea Environmental Forum on the 'Clear Streams' initiative and said:

"The events hope to draw attention to the new voluntary code of conduct for sea users and get people on

board. "I will also talk about marine recording, and how people can submit their sightings to their local authority biodiversity unit."

The code of conduct aims to help people interact safely with marine wildlife and help minimize disturbance to the sea life in Swansea Bay, and applies to recreational and commercial sea users across Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend counties.

For more information, email winter@environmentcencen.org.uk

Tribute evening raised £6,000

IN excess of £6,000 was raised again this year at the Marquis Cottrell Park golf club, in memory of the late Barbara Perkins.

Co-ordinated by Anthony Perkins, with the assistance of brothers Ray, Gareth, Kevin, Rob and her husband Wyndham, good weather marked the start of a very enjoyable evening.

The 200-plus guests danced to singer James Williams; and the auctioneer of the night was Mr Phil Thomas of HRT, accompanied by his wife Cheryl, who did a sterling job selling the donation prizes.

The family would like to give a huge thank you to all who helped and contributed, the staff at Cottrell Park and, most of all, those who donated prizes and all who attended. **GP**

Tory critic hits at the cancer waiting times

WELSH Tory leader Andrew RT Davies AM has criticised the Welsh Government for failing to meet a commitment on waiting times for cancer patients.

He said: "95 per cent of patients diagnosed via the 'urgent suspected route' should start 'definitive treatment' within 62 days, but according to statistics published last week, the figure stood at just 84.7 per cent at the end of May."

"This is a scandal that shows absolutely no sign of letting up."

"It is now seven years since this target was last met and communities across the Vale of Glamorgan will, rightly, question the competence of the Labour Ministers who run and resource our health service," the regional AM for South Wales Central added.



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Welsh team – with Jack – lands bronze medal in the Commonwealth Games!

JACK CAFARO was part of Team Wales who have won a bronze medal at the Epee Commonwealth Games held in Cape Town.

Jack (16) a talented young fencer who lives in St Athan, was helped to attend the championships thanks to the support of numerous individuals and businesses in the Vale.

He and his grandmother Sue held bag packs at local supermarkets and received generous support from supporters in the Vale to pay

towards the £2,600 cost of the trip.

In the past he has won Welsh foil and épée championships at junior level, and been named the Vale's 'Junior Sportsman of the Year'.

At the School Games in Manchester last year, he won an individual bronze épée and a silver medal for Team Wales épée.

His aim, in the long term, is to represent Britain in the Olympics.



ABOVE: The Welsh team during the awards ceremony. Image by Sue Jones.

Coleman's Wales are a top 10 smash!

THE FIFA world ranking announcements have, in the past, been a something of a chastening experience for Wales; after all, when you're ranked below such giants of the game as Guatemala, Guyana and Haiti, as Wales were in August 2011, the only way to look is up.

So it was something of a refreshing change when the team were placed 10th in the latest rankings published earlier this month.

Wales' top 10 placing received a boost of luck all the way from south America; had Chile beaten Argentina in normal or extra time in the final of the Copa America they would have found themselves in the 'top 10' club; however, as they won that game on penalties, they were beaten to it by

Coleman's team.

The upshot of Wales' rapid rise up the rankings isn't just a morale-boosting one; it seems likely that when the qualifying groups are drawn for the 2018 World Cup, Wales should find themselves in the top seeds, hopefully ensuring they avoid the bigger teams and give themselves a boost in their aims to qualify for their first World Cup in 60 years.

Before that is the culmination of their hard work in the European Championship qualifiers, where Wales could be saying 'bonjour' to France and a major international tournament - while the climb has been arduous, the real hard work starts now for this top 10 team.

GARETH JAMIESON

Lady captain savours the sunshine!

BEAUTIFUL sunshine saw the ladies' section of St Athan Golf Club welcomed by Carolyn McKenzie to her lady captain's day.

The club captain Mike Edwards greeted everyone and gave his best wishes to Carolyn and the ladies.

After having photos taken, the main business of the day began with a shot gun start to the stapleford competition. The competition was hotly contested with the ladies' efforts rewarded by numerous refreshment stops on the way round. It was a perfect day for golf with the sun shining and the course in perfect condition.

On their return to the clubhouse the ladies changed into their finery and before the meal enjoyed tapas and prosecco or Pimms in the sun, while being entertained by a magician! He astounded everyone with his clever sleight of hand and banter and there was much laughter while

unsuccessfully trying to see how it was done!

Everyone then adjourned inside for dinner and before the meal it was results time! The silver division was won by Carol Morgan with Lesley Hurry as runner-up, and in the bronze division Steph Bonnar took first place with Denise McGowan a close second.

The longest drive was once again won by Liz Thomas with nearest the pin on the 15th being Erin Allison. A new competition of 'nearest the line' drive was won by Rose Dawson with the chipping prize awarded to Jenny Young; Dilwen Phillips won the prize for the fewest putts on the course.

Michelle Bligh, the vice-captain, then thanked Carolyn for all her hard work and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

The meal continued the Spanish theme of tapas with paella and other delicacies and was enjoyed amid lots of laughter and chat.

RJ

'Razor' Ruddock tells all in Penarth!



FORMER professional footballer Neil 'Razor' Ruddock recently 'starred' at a sports dinner at the Oystercatcher in Penarth marina - to support PG10 coaching and raise funds for a planned indoor 3G and sports facility led by Vale Sports Arena.

The evening was a success, with guests learning about Ruddock's career highlights and time on TV in programmes such

as 'I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here' and 'Celebrity Big Brother'.

Future sports dinners will feature former world heavyweight champion of the world Frank Bruno on August 28, Liverpool FC and German legend Didi Hamann on September 25 and BBC Match of the Day pundit and Liverpool FC legend Mark Lawrenson on November 20, with a Stereophonics tribute act heading to Penarth to support local children's sporting development.

For more information, email petegriff10@hotmail.co.uk.

Defeats for the Millwood teams

ANOTHER defeat in this latest round of the Munro Cup as Millwood lost the game against Penarth by a fairly slender margin of only six shots, 66-60.

After the fourth end had been played Millwood had a lead of nine shots (16-9) which looked a good start, whereupon at the ninth end the lead had swung to Penarth who had taken a two shot lead at 27-29.

Penarth then proceeded to apply further pressure for them to take a five shot lead at 40-45 after the 13th end, but as hard as Millwood bowlers tried to win the game in the last quarter, luck prevailed against them for Penarth to come out victors by the six shot margin.

Millwood now have only three more games to play in the Munro Cup - Barry Romilly at home, Llantwit Major away and Sully at home.

At present Millwood have played 11, won six and lost five. We won't be on the winner's rostrum this year, but the playing spirit is still there.

In the second round of the Alan Martin Memorial Cup played against a good Barry Athletic side,

Millwood suffered a rather one sided defeat, going down 48-18.

Though 21 ends should have been played, there was too much of a shot difference for the last two ends to be played, even though rink three were only six shots behind at the closure.

On completion of the first quarter of the game, Athletic were 11 shots in the lead at 3-14, and after the 10th end their lead had risen to 9-26, a matter of 17 shots!

When the 15th end had been played there was a 29 shot difference at 12-41 in Athletic's favour for the game to go to the home side by a 30 shot margin.

It seemed that whatever Athletic tried on rink two seemed to pay dividends, because at one point Millwood were lying six shots in the end, only for the last bowl to completely damage the end and give Athletic the shot!

On rink three, it was a far tighter game, but still enjoyable, played on a nicely swinging green on lovely summer's evening. Thank you to Barry Athletic for an enjoyable evening, good luck in your next round.

JH

HUNT MEMBERS TURN TO GOLF!

THE annual Glamorgan Hunt golf day took place at Wenvoe Castle on July 17.

Seven teams took part, with one team consisting of three females and one male, captained by Sarah Morris, the former lady captain of Southerndown.

All had a very good time with a convincing winning team captained by Shaun Davies of Davies Motor Company. Shaun, along with Leigh Ivory, Rhys Ivory, and

Jordan Ivory had a total of 118 points. Leigh Ivory also won best male individual with 39 points playing off one.

Second place went to the NFU, captained by Tony McCarthy with Aubrey Bowen, Ben Davies and Trevor Wooding with a total of 103 points.

In third, organiser Gareth Perkins, along with Glen Hughes, Byron Evans and Mike Phillips a Southerndown member, finished on 101 points.

Two nearest the pins

on par three went to Mike Phillips, the third to Gwyn Davies. Sarah Morris won female best individual.

A big thank you goes to the sponsors: Mark Newbold, The Star Inn Troes, Keith Gibson, Andrew Thomas of AT Environmental and to my wife Heather Perkins.

Also, thanks to the club secretary Nicola, the pro Jason, the catering staff, Nicola Gibson for greeting the teams, and finally a big thank you to all who took part.

GP

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On Saturday, Barry Athletic Cricket Club 1st XI travelled the short distance to Rhose to play the Welsh Asians while the 2nd XI played Malpas at home.

In Rhose, Barry won the toss, decided to bat first and got off to a bad start when they lost the wicket of Hugh Smith for 4 with the score on 17 when he was caught off the bowling of Khan.

This brought Goodway to the wicket to join Murphy and they proceeded to add 124 for the second wicket before Murphy was caught behind off the bowling of Ali for a hardworking and fine 59.

Dawson came and went for 0 with the score on 141, and this brought the big hitting Griffith to the wicket and he and Goodway added 68 in nine overs as Griffith hit 46 in just 34 balls with five 4s, before he was bowled by Harris Khan.

Nicky Jones then joined Goodway in Goodway's attempt to score his maiden 100 for the club after missing out earlier in the season, but it was not to be as he could not get that last run to take him to the magic 100, as

he ended up 99 not out as Barry reached 237 from their 50 overs.

In reply, the Welsh Asians got off to a blistering start as their openers Aslam and Asghar Ali smashed 74 off the first six overs and the 100 came up in the ninth over with Ali reaching his 50 in 22 balls with six fours and four sixes.

Aslam was first to go, lbw to the ever-reliable Peter Hellyar for 24, with the score 129; there was then a partnership of 52 before Idris was out for 15, also lbw to Peter Hellyar.

Ali, however, was going on his big-hitting way as his 100 came off just 46 balls and included 10 fours and eight sixes as he was eventually out caught by Hugh Smith off the bowling of Lewis Doel for 165 from 88 balls, with 23 fours and eight sixes as the Asians reached 240 for 3, and a win from just 29 overs, Hellyar with 2 for 67.

ATHLETIC 2ND XI IN FINE VICTORY
At Barry Island, Barry captain Ashley Baker won the toss and asked Malpas to bat and Malpas was bowled out for 141 with Mitch Taylor-Moore (3-18), Andy Ellis (4-40) and Ethan Fid (2-16) the best bowlers, with the top scorer for Malpas

Boothroyd with 24.

In reply, Barry scored 142 for 2 with Aaron Malpas top scoring with 55 and Ashley Baker with 51 not out, the best bowler being Hassan with 1-17; this result keeps Barry in the top two places in the league.

Last Wednesday, Barry Athletic entertained Creigiau in the semi-final of the midweek league cup with Creigiau scoring 99 for 4 in their 20 overs with A Baker (2-2), M Taylor-Moore (1-14), and S Phillips (1-6) being the best bowlers, with A Morley (28) and A Moore (24) the best scorers for Creigiau.

In reply, Barry reached their target of 100 with the loss of four wickets with Andrew Buckland getting 49 not out, Rhett Jones 24 and Nicky Jones 14, as Barry reached the final on Friday, August 7, at Dinas Powys Common.

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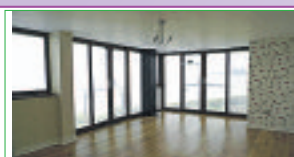
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 formerly known as Cof-e
 2go and Ciggle Shop
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 opening of the premises
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 Sunday 1000hrs-2230hrs.
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 the sale of alcohol for
 between the hours of
 1200hrs-2230hrs Monday
 through to Saturday and
 1200hrs-2230hrs Sunday.
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 make representations to
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26th July
 18
 18
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 at 11.30am followed by interment at Barry
 Cemetery. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home,
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Nanna
 Peacefully on July 18 at her home in
 St. Athan, Nanna in her 90th year, beloved
 wife of the late Fred, dearly loved mother
 of Ray, Jeff, Janet and Linda, much loved
 by all her grandchildren and great
 grandchildren.
 Resting at the Private Funeral Home of
 W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral
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 10am at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium,
 Barry. No flowers by request, donations in
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(née Gervaise) Lily
 Sadly on Monday, July 13 at St. Barrus Ward,
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 to Matthew, she will be greatly missed.
 Resting at A.G. Adams & Son funeral home until
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 July 27 at 11am.
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 celebrate Lily's life.

PROSSER
(née Ryan) Sheila
 Peacefully at home on July 9, 2015, Sheila,
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Bill
(Bill the bus)
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Monica
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Sports event draws inspiration from Rio



Ysgol Bryn Castell pupils with representatives from Bridgend County Borough Council, Sport Wales and Disability Sport Wales.

Team celebrate their award achievement

VALE Ladies & Girls FC are among several regional winners of one of Wales' biggest grassroots football accolades, after beating hundreds of regional clubs to land the 2015 Welsh Community Football Award for Grassroots Impact in south Wales.

Now in its eighth year, the annual Welsh Community Football Awards, presented by the Football Association of Wales, Welsh Football Trust and McDonald's, aim to recognise and reward the people and clubs that are driving grassroots football in Wales.

Winning the regional award and gaining a national nomination marks a fantastic rise in the success of Vale Ladies & Girls FC, who have been operating for just three years.

Starting with just five teams and 80 players in September 2012, the 'Sky Blues' now provide football to more than 180 female players from the Vale and Cardiff areas.

Players represent the club from age six through to under-16 level, with two senior ladies teams, one being the newly formed Barry Town United Ladies based at Jenner Park Stadium.

The club's teams are supported by over 20 fully-qualified coaches, a full set of committee members and play matches across the local area in the South Wales Women's & Girls League. The club also has a high number of players involved in Welsh regional squads, league representative squads and the Cardiff & Vale Schools county teams.

Club chairman Luke Williams, an active member and founder of Vale Ladies & Girls FC

since their formation, said: "This is fantastic recognition for the club and a reward for all the volunteers that have put in so much hard work over the past three years. The club has put female football on the map in the Vale and Cardiff area and the school club links we have created have been a huge driver in providing more opportunities for girls to play football."

"For a relatively young club we have achieved a great deal but have a long way to go to reach our aspirations in developing a female ladies team to compete at the highest level in Welsh Football. The club has developed a thriving junior section with just under 200 players and with quality coaching opportunities we hope to produce players that can go on and have potential careers in the game."

"I believe our club already offers the best female player development opportunities with a group of talented coaches and we have recently launched our own club development centre which gives our most talented members additional quality coaching experiences."

The club recently hosted its first summer tournament on July 5, at Barry Rugby Club, which turned out to be a huge success with 67 teams and over 500 female players participating. Teams from Telford, Bristol and Swindon travelled to the event which included local Welsh teams and a special guest appearance from current Wales captain Sophie Ingle.

A national panel will now judge Vale Ladies & Girls FC alongside winners from the other five Welsh football regions before a winner is selected in September; for more information on Vale Ladies & Girls FC, visit www.valegirlsfc.co.uk.

LW



Ysgol Bryn Castell students enjoy a rugby session with Bryncethin RFC.

YOUNG disabled people have been encouraged to get involved in sport, and take inspiration from next year's Rio Paralympics, at a special event held in Bridgend Life Centre.

The Road to Rio

paralympic event, organised by Bridgend County Borough Council's Active Young People's Department, saw students from Brynteg Comprehensive, Heronsbridge School, Ysgol Bryn Castell, Porthcawl Comprehensive and Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen have a go at

various sports and activities.

The pupils, all with varying levels of physical and learning disabilities, enjoyed cricket, golf, rugby, inclusive zone basketball and rock climbing, with AYPD officers using the event to showcase what inclusive sports are available throughout Bridgend county borough.

The event was made possible with help from partner organisations Halo, Bryncethin RFC, Cricket Wales, Coed Y Mwstwr Golf Club, Golf Development Wales and British Wheelchair Basketball.

The cabinet member for adult social care, health and wellbeing, Coun Phil White, said: "We want to make sure that disabled people in our communities have the chance to take part in a variety of sports and physical activities."

"Our disability sports officer works closely with schools, individuals and organisations to create opportunities by listening to what people want available to them."

For more information about disability sport, contact Gareth Walters, the council's disability sport officer on 01656 815220 or email aypd@bridgend.gov.uk.

MM



Bulls hard-earned win over Cardiff



Action from the Blue Bulls' win over Cardiff City A.

BRIDGEND Blue Bulls had to fight to earn a 32-18 victory over a brave Cardiff City A side to claim a morale-boosting win.

Jarraed Riddiford opened the scoring with an unconverted try for the Blue Bulls before Owen Davies twisted his way through for a second try, again unconverted.

The Bulls piled on the pressure, with strong runs from youngster Aaron Harries and Owain Williams leading to the Bulls being camped on the Cardiff try line, and on the fifth tackle Owen Thomas powered over with three defenders on his back.

Cardiff mounted their own attack when Joe Davies reduced the arrears with a try converted by Tom Mace to reduce the deficit.

Sam Herron added a second try for Cardiff shortly before the break, converted by Mace, for a 12-10 halftime score.

Bridgend lifted their game in the second half and Nathan Morgan ran through for a try goaled by Owen Davies. Davies turned try-scorer to increase the Bulls lead, adding the conversion himself.

Hooker Matt Williams gave Cardiff hope with a well-taken try converted by Idris Evans before a Lewis Hughes try increased the Bulls lead, the conversion attempt going wide.

Owen Thomas claimed his second try of the afternoon and Davies goaled after Keiran Hooper's 40 meter dash.

Try of the match went to Bulls winger Lewis Hughes; after a pick up from the base of the scrum from Lloyd Giles, Lloyd beat three defenders before great passing from Joe Symons put the flyer in at the



corner. Bridgend have had a superb season finishing top of the table and, with a 100 per cent record, now face the challenge of the Forest of Dean this Saturday in a reverse friendly fixture from early in July.

August 8 sees them

face every Welsh side in the McRorie 9s tournament in Nelson, before the grand final on Sunday, August 16, at Taffs Well RFC; their opponents will either be Cardiff A or the Aber Valley Wolves who play off on August 5.

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Another good week on the greens for Romilly bowlers

ROMILLY Bowls Club continued their tremendous form by remaining unbeaten after last week's games as the 'A' team played two away matches, one on Thursday against league leaders Blaenrhondda and on Saturday against Ynyscynon.

The club side had a home game against Ferndale who they beat in the first game of the season at Ferndale 14-0. The 'Rom' welcomed Ferndale to Romilly Park on Saturday in the first of the league reverse fixtures. Having whitewashed the visitors in the first game of the season Romilly were awaiting a strong challenge from a proud side who are the current league champions.

The game began with the visitors as expected pressurising the Sully rinks with excellent bowls and by the fifth end held an advantage of 10 shots mainly due to the visitors' front players on the rink, skipped by Tom Thomas, bowling some brilliant bowls, making it difficult for the Romilly rink skipped by Brian Foscolo who were 1-13 at this stage.

By the end of the 10th the Romilly rinks of Mel Newman, Graham Cogbill and Jeff Wright were having close battles with their opposition but Foscolo's rink was still up against it struggling 3-17 with the overall score 34-43 in favour of the visitors.

The Romilly rinks of Newman and Cogbill began to take command on their rinks with Newman winning six consecutive ends, going ahead by eight shots, 20-12, and Cogbill's rink scoring well from ends 10 to 15 surged ahead by 10 shots, 18-8.

Over the same ends Foscolo's rink of lead G Rees and second R Jones at last began to get woods close, giving opportunities for third Fred Phillips and skip Foscolo to add their woods and win six ends to the opposition's one, scoring 14 shots to one against reducing their deficit to four, 14-18.

Unfortunately the rink of P Williams, A Bryan, G Trepleton and skip Jeff Wright, having been leading by 10-2 at seven ends, lost nine consecutive ends to fall behind by nine shots, 10-19.

The overall score at end 15 was now 62-57 in Romilly's favour and now with a narrow lead of five they were looking strong and as the game moved into the last six ends Romilly were looking good, and by the 19th end the 'Rom' were leading by 13 shots.

What happened over the final two ends was like watching a horror show as first Newman's rink and then Cogbill's rink both dropped six shots; it didn't end there as Wright left a shot open on the final end for opposition skip Paul Jones to play, and he duly obliged by removing the only close Romilly wood in the head, making a five.

After being 13 ahead Romilly were now just one ahead with only Foscolo's rink left on the green two down with Ferndale holding game, but Foscolo with one bowl left saved the day as he drew second shot for a drawn game.

Romilly and Ferndale shared the rinks, giving seven points to both sides with the score 85-85.

Romilly still remain undefeated and will have to improve their concentration when the play their nearest rivals St Joseph's in Cardiff this week.

Romilly's 'A' team travelled to league leaders Blaenrhondda on Thursday for a re-arranged fixture.

It was a shortened game of 18 ends, and the first five ends were positive for Romilly who held a slender five shot advantage thanks to the rinks of Alan Bryan and Mel Newman both leading 6-1.

As the game progressed to end 10 the rinks of Bryn Gough and Graham Cogbill were both struggling against good opposition bowling, but Bryan and Newman's rinks still remained in control, allowing the 'Rom' to maintain their advantage, moving to nine ahead, 39-30.

By the 15th end Cogbill's rink had fought back to go ahead 15-14 but Gough was still under the cosh and was six behind, but Romilly's other rinks were playing well with Bryan and Newman both ahead by 12 and seven respectively.

With three ends to play Romilly were holding a 11 shot lead, 61-50, with the home side in shock at not being used to losing on their own green, but they showed fighting qualities over the last three ends.

Cogbill's rink were leading by three but the opposition rink made a three to tie their game. Gough's rink fought hard and although picking up a five on the 16th end to get to within one shot, they dropped to singles to lose by three, 16-19.

Newman's rink had lead throughout their game and were seven shots ahead with three ends to play but managed to drop a 4, 4 and 1 to lose by two shots.

Fortunately Bryan's rink of T Bloomfield, A M Jones and G Rees had played superbly all night and secured a brilliant Romilly win with a 15 shot victory, making the overall score 72-62. Romilly secured 9 points to Blaenrhondda's 4 points.

Romilly 'A' are on an a seven match unbeaten run taking them to the top of their league.

Romilly 'A' then travelled away to Ynyscynon as the new league leaders and with a new found confidence expecting to win rather than looking for four points as in previous seasons.

The game began with three Romilly rinks ahead at the fifth end but the rink of Tony Freeman, who have taken all before them this season, experienced the other side of the coin as they failed to score during the early ends, going 14 shots behind giving the home side a 10 shot advantage.

At the end of the 10th end Freeman was still well down 5-18; Andrew Hacher's rink had also gone behind by six with Ray Hewitson's rink struggling at three down. It was only Howard Jones' rink in front by one shot. At this stage Romilly looked in deep trouble with a deficit of 21 shots.

From the 11th end there was a remarkable switch in the game as the 'Rom' began their fightback; firstly Freeman pulled back five shots, then Hewitson's rink clawed their way back to be just one behind.

Hacher's rink recovered their deficit to go ahead by two and Howard Jones' rink had gone five clear reducing the overall score to just two down, 56-58. With six ends to play Romilly continued to pressurise the home team with Freeman pulling back four more shots to only lose by four after such a poor start, and Hewitson using all his experience to get his rink home by two shots, 23-21, picking up six shots over the final two ends.

Andrew Hacher's rink who had come from behind to lead at the 15th end, continued in control finally winning by three shots, 21-18, while Howard Jones' rink who had lead from the first end continued their form to win comfortably 21-15, giving Romilly 'A' another fine away win, 80-74, and with three winning rinks collected 12 points to Ynyscynon's two points. Romilly's unbeaten run has now moved to eight which is a fantastic achievement.

FP

Bowlers in rich vein of form

THE halfway stage, in the CML has been reached, and Cadoxton completed their sixth win out of seven, when they defeated Ystrad Mynach, at home, to hold second place by two points.

Roy Harding skipped the only losing rink, which spoils his unbeaten run this season. The rink skipped by John Jones had a close start to their game and were level after five ends.

They had a one shot advantage after 10 ends. Derek Brook was playing a big part in helping to keep in front, and a '4' on the next improved their supremacy. Each side scored on five of the last 10 ends, to complete a home win.

Don Kuhnell had the advantage of playing against a triple. However the opening eight ends were close with shared singles for a 4-4 score.

At this stage the extra two bowls started to make the difference and a comfortable gap was opened. Only four times were ends lost during the remainder of the game.

Howard Craven skipped the final rink and surged into an 8-1 lead after seven ends. Their dominance continued reaching 13-2 after 12 ends. This was boosted further by the end with just five losing ends throughout.

Scores: S Clarke, G Davies, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 24 - 9; P Swannick, D Evans, K Chedgzy, R Harding 11

Sully Bridge Club results

MONDAY, July 13, North/South:

1st Peter Millar/Jane Brook 64.35, 2nd Helen Davies/Mark Roderick 63.19, 3rd Pat Evans/Jane Greatrex 61.81, East/West: 1st Trish Tracy/Diana Jones 67.59, 2nd Anne Johns/John Pikoulis 60.19, 3rd David Hopkins/Lilian Hopkins 59.95.

Wednesday, July 15, North/South: 1st Peter Millar/Trish Tracy 57.39, 2nd Charles Johns/Simone Ballett 54.79, 3rd Debbie Dawkins/Pat Verdon 51.52, East/West: 1st Jayne Greatrex/John Pikoulis 58.92, 2nd Anne Johns/Bunty Wiseman 58.22, 3rd Lilian Hopkins/David Hopkins 58.22.

Saturday, July 18, North/South: 1st Sue Knight/Brian Knight 57.81, 2nd Hazel Craig/Peter Craig 55.21, 3rd Anne MacDougall/Sean MacDougall 53.13.

EK

The rinks skipped by John Jones and Don Kuhnell, against their opposing skips Bob Hill and David Dalby, both enjoyed close matches but finished on the losing end by the same score.

Don's rink fought back from 8-0 down and often came close to taking the lead, but each time was thwarted by David. On the other rink the scores were tied at 5-5 and 7-7, before a '4' gave the visitors the lead. However this was followed by seven singles against, while scoring a single on one end.

Howard Craven skipped his rink against Clive Fry, and after seven ends held a 7-3 advantage. A bad run of four ends conceded '4', '2', '3' and '5' took away any chance of success especially as a further '5' went against a few ends later.

Ivor Robertson was promoted to skip in the remaining rink and came up against a strong rink skipped by the experienced Nick Chandler. They were soon in trouble with three '4's and a '3' against in the opening six ends. A '5' in their favour looked as though there could be a revival, but unfortunately only three more ends had any further success.

Scores: J Stacey, E Heppenstall G Davies, H Craven 11 - 24 C Davies,

P Davidge, B Lewis, C necessary two shots. A Roy Harding had a close game on his rink. The scores were level on D 4-4 and again at 7-7, R when a '4' took them into the lead, but a '4' and two singles took away the advantage.

In the final stages a '3' and a single brought the scores level, leaving another last end shoot out which went to the opposition.

Howard Craven's rink had a bad day. They trailed throughout with only seven successful ends in their 11 shot defeat. After nine ends they were still in contention with the score at 7-11, but only three more ends were successful after the break.

There was a similar sad story on the rink skipped by John Jones. They did not compete in the game until after the tea break, when they trailed 5-14 they were always in arrears for the remainder of the game but did make a spirited reply by scoring 12 against 6 in the second period.

Scores: H Hellyar, G Davies, I Robertson, D Kuhnell 27 - 26; P Swannick, D Evans, K Chedgzy, R Harding 16 - 17; J Stacey, L Davies, D Brook, J Jones 17 - 20; R Byrne, P Ellis, D Jeffries, H Craven 13 - 24. Final score: 73 - 87.

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Turning back time to our peerless Welsh steeplechase jockeys by BRIAN LEE

The late Sir Harry Llewellyn, Bart, CBE, who kindly wrote the foreword to my out-of-print Welsh Steeplechase Jockeys (Cwmnedd Press 1993) is this week's subject.

COLONEL Sir Harry Llewellyn, who celebrated his 80th birthday in 1992, will always be associated with that unique show jumper Foxhunter on whom he won Olympic team gold and bronze medals.

But he was also a leading amateur rider, who finished second and fourth on *Ego* in the Grand Nationals of 1936 and 1937 respectively.

Born at Fairfield near Aberdare in 1911, Harry Llewellyn rode his first winner under Rules on *Theorem* in the Bassett Hunters' Chase at Cowbridge racecourse in 1931. Seventeen years later in 1948, he rode his last winner at Chepstow Racecourse when *King Karl* won a similar event.

Many of his victories were gained at meetings now long gone, such as Cardiff, Colwall Park, Tenby, Manchester and Hawthorn Hill.

An all-round athlete, who in his younger days excelled at rugby and high hurdling, he set a record that will probably now never be beaten when at the Cheltenham Festival meeting of 1948, he won the Foxhunters' Chase on *State Control* and the United Hunts Chase on *Bay Marble*.

No other rider had ever achieved the big hunter chase double. And now that the United Hunts Chase is held later in the season, his record appears safe for all time.

Like fellow Welshman Fulke Walwyn, he started in racing by riding in Welsh point-to-points, and, also like Fulke Walwyn, he used to school horses for Captain Morgan Lindsay at Ystrad Mynach, who trained horses for his father Sir David Llewellyn. His first point-to-point success was on a horse called *Pentyrch* at the Lord Tredegar fixture of 1930, when he finished strongly to win the nomination race by a short head.

Perhaps the best horse he ever rode was *Ego* who, as previously mentioned, was runner-up to *Reynoldstown* at Aintree. It shows much for his determination that he reduced his weight from 14 stone to 10st 3lbs to ride *Ego* in the Grand National.

Ego ran five times at Aintree covering 17-and-a-half miles without falling. Little wonder that he was nick-named the 'Modern Manifesto' after the

legendary Grand National winner.

Other good horses Harry rode were *Breconian*, *Silver Grail*, *Happison* and *China Sea*. It was on the last named that he won several races in a row and was successful on this horse at the last meeting to be held at Tenby in 1937.

A pleasant and amiable man, I recall him buying my book, *The Races Came Off - The Story of Point-to-Point Racing in South and West Wales*, when I was selling them at Chepstow Racecourse that year.

It was published in 1986. He asked me to sign it and when I wrote the usual 'Best Wishes' and signed my name, he took one look at it and persuaded me to write a much longer inscription.

When he had brought out his autobiography *Passports to Life* in 1980, he had signed his book to me with the words: 'To Brian Lee. We are all so grateful to you for recording point-to-points in South Wales. Harry Llewellyn.'

Next time, we feature Carmarthenshire-born Dudley Williams who was one of a select band of Welshmen who dominated the National Hunt racing scene between the wars.

Meanwhile, one Welsh rider I would like information on is the Vale's Ron Boss, who later was a trainer of note on the flat and who, I understand, returned to the Vale some years ago.

You can e-mail me at brianlee4@virginmedia.com or phone me on 02920736438.



ABOVE: Harry Llewellyn aboard *Theorem*, the winner of the open race at the Monmouthshire Hunt Point-to-Point; he is being led in by George Legg.

MUNRO CUP WIN FOR LLANTWIT MAJOR BOWLERS

ON Wednesday, Llantwit Major travelled the short distance to Rhose for their Munro Cup match, winning on three rinks in a 78-52 shot win.

Graham Jones' rink took an early six shot lead; a score of four by Rhose on the seventh end gave them the lead but Llantwit bounced back immediately, scoring seven shots over the next two ends to go back in front, which they kept for the rest of the match to win by four shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink started at a cracking pace, being seven shots up after four ends. They piled on the shots throughout the rest of the game, taking six on one end, to win by 20 shots.

Steve Booker's rink, an ex-player of Rhose, was given no favours - after being two up after four

ends, Rhose took over the scoring, taking nine shots on the following three ends. Llantwit were never in the hunt after that, losing by nine shots.

Neville Young's rink took a six shot lead after five ends, then were 11 shots up after 11 ends, finishing with a 11 shot win.

Llantwit played their return fixture with Treharris. Playing at home, they had an overwhelming win, taking all the points in a 106-58 shot win.

Graham Jones' rink had a dramatic start, scoring 16 shots without reply after only seven ends. After losing the next end they then won the next five ends to go 25 shots up.

Llantwit then relaxed a bit, allowing Treharris to score a few shots but Llantwit finished with a 16 shot win.

Neville Young's rink were level on the fourth end then Llantwit scored 11 shots over the next four ends with Llantwit's frontmen, John Crane and Graham Merchant, outbowling the opposition; Llantwit cruised home, winning by 20 shots.

Steve Booker's rink had a harder match at the start, being four shots in arrears after six ends. Llantwit came back, scoring six on the ninth end, to go in front but Llantwit finished in a flourish, scoring six shots on the final end to win by seven shots.

Charles Hiscock's rink had the tightest match, being down until the 16th end when they drew level; Llantwit then lost the next end before winning three ends on the trot, including a five on one end, to take the points with a five shot win. NY

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Bridgend's Rhys is on way back to golf's top flight

BRIDGEND golfer Rhys Davies looks to be on his way back to the top flight after notching his second win on the Challenge Tour last weekend.

He held on for a two-shot victory in the Fred Olsen Challenge de Espana on the Canary Islands.

Australia's Geoffrey Drakeford finished second, as Davies finished at 22 under par for the 72 holes.

Davies, now aged 30, also won the Turkish Airlines Challenge in May, his fourth career win on the Challenge Tour.

Davies' high point was in 2010, when he was ranked 44th in the world, before falling to 181st place in 2014.

We welcome your news, reports and other items of interest - email us at: gemeditorial@tindlenews.co.uk



ABOVE: Rhys Davies after winning in the Canary Islands.

New caterers at golf club

ON behalf of Brynhill members, captain Rhys Jones and club secretary Louise Edwards, welcome Gareth and Mark Dommatt as the new caterers for Brynhill Golf Club.

Gareth and Mark (father and son) have been caterers at St. Andrews Major Golf Club for eight years and Mark a caterer at the Marconi Club. They are a welcome new addition to Brynhill as Gareth and Mark have arrived with a glowing reputation for providing excellent food.

JH

MELISSA HELPS OUT WITH NETBALLERS

CTK netball club have continued their pre-season preparations at the Vale Resort, Hensol, with the help and expertise of internationally renowned coach, Melissa Hyndman.

Melissa's enthusiasm and knowledge have enabled us to both develop our top players, and also our up and coming talented athletes. Melissa ran a mixture of intense conditioning,



speed and agility training sessions, which have been well attended despite the holiday season commencing for many of our athletes.

CTK would like to extend a big thank you to Melissa, who is soon to relocate to Yorkshire to lead Queen

Ethelburgas College in the 2015-2016 netball season.

She has made a huge contribution to netball across Wales over the last six years, at all levels from grassroots to the top international squad, being instrumental in

establishing Wales at number eight in the world ranking.

The CTK squads are currently busy preparing for the annual friendly fixture against Hartpury College, the south west pre-season tournament in September, the Cardiff and district league which

commences on September 14, and finally the defence of our senior national clubs title later in the year.

In addition, many of our players are also preparing for Welsh age group NPL and Superleague trials.

CW

WIN IS MUSIC TO CENTRAL'S EARS!

AFTER an excellent win against Llantwit Major, taking 10 of the 14 points available, Central's next opponents were Cadoxton A.

There was a music festival being held at Victoria Park so the game was played against a background of rock music from the groups playing live.

As far as the game went, Central continued their recent success and in particular the rink skipped by Brian Castle, whose team after a slow start found themselves 16 shots up after 11 ends, winning their game comfortably by 34 shots to 8.

Ted Hudd had the same rink as the previous few weeks and found fierce competition from the Cadoxton rink skipped by A Carpenter.

However, Ted's rink started to take control and emerged winners by 28 shots to 10.

D Goddard, the Central skipper, found the same fierce competition from the Cadoxton team but found his rink

10 shots ahead after 13 ends and Dave's rink continued to put the home team under pressure, winning the game by 26 shots to 14.

With three Central rinks having won it was left to T Goddard's rink to keep the pressure on the home team and he had quite a struggle against the Cadoxton rink skipped by Dave Fanning.

The game swung to and fro with neither side taking the upper hand and with the home team picking up four shots on the 20th end there was only two shots between the two sides with one end to play.

Fortunately Central picked up two shots to win by 18 shots to 14 thus giving Central the maximum 14 points which they wanted to keep their slim chances of promotion a boost.

The overall result showed a win for Central who scored 106 shots against Cadoxton's 46. Well done Central and let's look forward to the visit of Millwood at our home green this Saturday.

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Farmers bake in the sun!



A gloriously hot afternoon last Thursday at RAF St Athan Golf Club awaited the arrival of 32 members of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society, assembled to compete in the annual captain's day competition.

Society captain Brian Jones, ably supported by his devoted wife Diane and assisted by friends, complemented the occasion by supplying a mountain full of food and cold drinks which was greatly appreciated by the wilting competitors as they passed the halfway house.

The society was particularly pleased to see veteran golfer Gwyn Evans taking his place on the first tee and also returning home with a prize.

It was 86-year-old Gwyn's idea 30 years ago of forming a golf society for those with connections to the farming industry. Since its launch in January 1986 the society has met on over 500 occasions and traditionally always on the last Thursday of every month, taking in over 100 different

courses during that time. When all the competitors had returned to the clubhouse, retired veterinary surgeon Mike King was declared the winner with 38 stableford points to take away half a lamb reared specially for the occasion by captain Brian.

Runner-up with 36 points that included a birdie on the ninth hole was Chris Watson. Captain Brian finished third with 34 points just ahead of Tony McCarthy and Robbie Llewellyn, who also finished with 34 points.

David Williams hit the longest drive of the day on the 10th hole to win the Bear Hotel, Cowbridge sponsored prize and nearest the pin on the par 3-holes were Gwyn Evans, Neil McLean and Dai John.

Gareth Perkins correctly guessed 20 balls would fail to make the journey home to win the Premier Turf sponsored bottle of whisky. This raised £85 for the Llantwit Major Lifeguards fund.

The society's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, when members will be competing for the Maesglas Veterinary Shield.

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The Barrivale Bridge results

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for July 14:

1st Irene Thomas & Jenny Vaughan 61.90%; 2nd Mark Roderick & Denis Mottram 59.52%; 3rd Celia & Huw Thomas 52.38%. Irene Thomas and Jenny Vaughan also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

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BLACKSMITH'S GOLF DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!



Jamie Goacher with the wooden toilet seat.



Caroline Tremlett.

THE annual Blacksmith's Arms Golf Day was held last Friday, July 17, at St Athan Golf Club.

The tradition of always playing on the Friday of the British Open proved successful once again for founding member and organiser Roy Whitehouse, and this year marked a significant development for the traditionally all male event with the invitation of three lady golfers, Wendy Asquith, Julie Reade and Caroline Tremlett from the Coedy-Mwster Golf Club.

On a fine but windy day, St Athan Golf Club captain Mike Edwards had the honour of the first drive followed a mixture of Blacksmith's 'closed' veterans and newcomers.

Former champions Gary Nealon, John Cambell, Bill Aspinall and Steve Jenkins were unable to add to their titles this time as St Athan member Jamie Goacher, playing off a

handicap of 20, returned an excellent stableford score of 41 points to take this year's title and claim the coveted wooden toilet seat trophy.

Runner-up was Southerndown member Philemon Williams (38pts) with St Athan's Gary Nealon (37) in third place with Tim Stephens (St Athan) winning the nearest the pin prize.

But all the talk on the day was about the winner of the longest drive with Caroline Tremlett's prodigious drive on the mammoth par 5 fourth hole leaving the men hanging their heads in disbelief while at the same time striking a blow for girl power.

After a lovely meal back at the Blacksmith's Arms, Gareth John led the awards ceremony in fine style. After the main prizes, there was a special award for organiser Roy Whitehouse who received a huge round of applause for all his efforts in ensuring a most enjoyable day.

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Philemon Williams was the runner-up.



Roy Whitehouse received a special award.



Tim's 116-1 double joy!

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan sent two horses to Worcester last week and those lucky punters who backed them in a £1 double collected £117 from their bookmaker.

The first leg of the double was initiated when seven-year-old Colley Row, partnered by Richard Johnson, who is making a bold bid for the National Hunt jockeys' championship, won the selling handicap hurdle by three-and-a-quarter lengths from Bullet Proof.

Around 40 odd minutes later, Uncle Tone, a six-year-old, ridden by M G Nolan took the maiden hurdle race by one-and-a-quarter lengths from the Jonjo O'Neill trained Magheral Express.

EVAN'S ACROSS THE CARD DOUBLE Llanccarfan trainer Evan Williams landed a cross the card double on Sunday.

His Lava Lamp, ridden by Paul Moloney, took the handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot beating Byron Blue by one-and-three-quarter lengths, and at Stratford his Zama Zama, partnered by Adam Wedge, was a four lengths winner of the novices' handicap chase. His two other runners at Stratford, Mac Bertie and Buck Mulligan both had to settle for the runners-up spot.

Evan's mother, Mrs Mary Evans, saw her 13-year-old Maisy Missile finish second at Newton Abbot, while 24 hours earlier at far flung Cartmel, Abertin trainer Tim Vaughan won the Handicap Chase with his Lord Lir, which finished 24 lengths ahead of Forestside. Lord Lir was partnered by leading jockey Richard Johnson.

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Porthcawl's Mark shines at Ludlow harness races!

LUDLOW race committee, this year, found themselves without a venue, but after some searching they found a beautiful field just outside Craven Arms where they erected a wonderful half mile track which provided some of the best racing of the season so far.

The two Nursery races were won by Evenwood Thumps Up (Lewis Llandrindod) with Blackmountain Rose (Gibbons Llanigon) and Miss Jackson (Perks Presteigne) taking the minor placings and Hello Vera (Lloyd Painscastle) won the second from Bills Mate (Booth Ammanford) and Ithon JR (Thomas Llanbister).

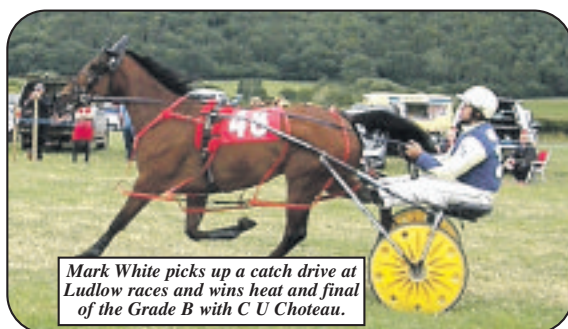
The first serious races of the afternoon were the Novice heats, in the first Arctic Price (Gwatkin Evenjobb) this week partnered by Derek Pritchard took the first, in front of the impressive back marker Kiplyn

(Williams Brecon) with Beacon Sorcerer (Bevan Llanddewi) in third.

Wellfield Wally (Barton Clunderwen) with daughter Bridget Lewis in the seat took the second heat ahead of Dolan Hasty (Parker Painscastle) with newly promoted Italllover (Meaney Merthyr) in third.

Three heats of the Grade B provided plenty of competition as the first went to Habberley Playboy and trainer Derek Pritchard driving for the Johns Gittins partnership from Shrewsbury while Dragon Penlan (Barton Clunderwen) was second and The Bold Jack (Gethin Gilwern) claimed third.

First time in open racing C U Choteau, owned by the Thomas family from Llanbister, driven by Mark White, claimed a memorable victory in the second B heat from Ayur Ontario (Weigel Llanddewi Velfrey) with the grey Camden Lock (Bartlett Treharris) in third. Habberley Haste (Lloyd New Radnor) lived up to



Mark White picks up a catch drive at Ludlow races and wins heat and final of the Grade B with C U Choteau.

his name in the third heat to romp home in front of Blackfield Buddy (Barton Clunderwen) while For One Night Only (Wilson Llanfihangel ar arth) ran on into third.

Wellfieldlifestyle (Edmunds Porthcawl) had to wait for confirmation from the camera before his driver Mark White could celebrate another win, with Fold be Nimble (Perks Presteigne) in second and Meadowland Hasty (Price Brecon) in third.

Strike a Light

(Meaney Merthyr) partnered by Mathew Tromans claimed first prize in the second A heat from local horse Saorlas Glory (Neville & Price Guilsfield) with the grey people's favourite Scoobys Dream (Moore Llangorse) in third.

Shakalakaboom Boom (Thomas Llanddewi) on his racing debut with mid-Wales won the first Baby Novice race from Immortal Breeze (Williams Llanafan) in second and Tyssul Pennylane owned by committee members Margaret & Les Broome from Bromfield in third.

George Gentle owned, trained and driven by Zak Lewis from Welshpool showed his turn of foot as they sped passed the finish ahead of little Fold Elite (Perks Presteigne) with Knights Templar (Williams Shrewsbury) in third. Both Shakalakaboom Boom and George Gentle now progress to the Novice section.

The saddle race was another close finish with Forest Gump (Duggan Llangunllo) ridden by Rebecca Williams just getting up to beat Purple Connection (Williams Llanwn) on the line in front of Tommy the Dealer (Bevan Llanddewi) in third.

The Novice final was the next race on the card with the impressive partnership of Bridget Lewis and her mother's Wellfield Wally (Barton Clunderwen) repeating their heat win as they came home in front of Arctic Prince (Gwatkin Evenjobb) and Beacon Sorcerer (Bevan Llanddewi).

The Junior race is always a favourite with the crowd as well as the

competitors themselves, and the experience of Anna Lewis paid off as she partnered Brywns Jo Jo (Jones Ammanford) to first place, with Too Hot Today (Jones Merthyr) and Ellie Tromans in second while Sydney Mason on Bon Hasty (Collingwood, Huntington) was third and Josie Duggan on her first ride this season was by no means disgraced on Evenwood Geezer (Jones Merthyr).

The Grade B saw C U Choteau (Thomas Llanbister) on her first appearance in open racing repeat her heat win with the canny Mark White in the seat, as they came home ahead of the rejuvenated Blackfield Buddy (Barton Clunderwen) with For One Night Only (Wilson Llanfihangel ar arth) claiming third.

The consolation had a full compliment of nine runners, with another close finish seeking confirmation from the camera, the result going to the striking Blackies Boy (Prosser Libanus) in the hands of his trainer Rhun Wilson from Lawrenny while Forest Surprise (Miles Merthyr) took second and Ithon Gypsy (Jones Llanbister) ran on to be third.

The final race of the day was the Grade A Final and it provided a fitting finish to a wonderful afternoon of racing with the iconic grey Scoobys Dream (Moore Llangorse) with trainer Andrew Hardwick at the controls just getting up to snatch victory from Saorlas Glory (Neville/Price Guilsfield) while Meadowland Hasty (Price Brecon) was third.

BRIDGEND BRIDGE CLUB: LATEST NEWS

THE club president, Bill Turner, has gifted a new trophy to the club, and this was presented at our Friday club night.

Bill has been a member of Bridgend Bridge Club for many years, and wished to mark his appreciation of many happy years playing bridge by awarding a new cup.

It will be known as the President's Cup, and will be competed for in a new club event that will be held in the autumn. The club is very grateful to Bill for such a generous gift.

The results for recent events are:

Wednesday, July 15: 1st John Beard and Liam Sheridan, 2nd Rob Forman and Alan Heath, 3rd John Evans and Dave Lea. Winners on handicap David Crompton and David Bolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to commence at 7pm so it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

President Bill Turner presents the President's Cup.



On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, also at Nolton Church Hall, there is a gentle duplicate session. Master points are now awarded but it remains a relaxed occasion where players enjoy their bridge.

New lessons for beginners will recommence in September 2015. Further information can be obtained by calling Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968, John Evans on 01656 880372 or David Newman on 01656 649138. TG

Twisty's Tornados blow away the competition!

TWISTY'S Tornados were this week competing in the tennis Wales Sytner mini cup held at Llantrisant LTC.

It was a very wet day and we weren't sure whether it would go ahead but the children were keen to play regardless of the weather. There were 16 competing in the competition which is the most the children have played against, but they were still confident.

The Tornados individually played in three groups and came top of each one, which meant they then had to play each other. In the first semi-final the Mclellan brothers once again had to play each other; it was an exciting moment but Toby beat Joseph 10-7 which then meant Toby went on to play other Tornado Louis Parry in the final.

The boys were very keen and excited and other parents stayed to watch the final and the atmosphere was amazing. Some great shots were made from them both, but Louis took the lead and won 10-8.

Another cup was brought back to Bridgend Tennis Club from the youngsters as we then relaxed and watched the Wimbledon final on the big screen.

The next game is away at Dinas Powys on July 27.

The children have lots to look up to at the moment as the Bridgend men's and women's first teams were also

celebrating wins over the weekend.

The men's first team won 4-2 overall against Whitchurch away - Stephen Richards, Matthew Murphy, Richard Jones, Chris Adrian all won their games; newcomer Trystan Culinary's debut game was unsuccessful but plenty of experience was gained in playing for the firsts.

The men are top of the league and need to beat Swansea this weekend to get into the Premiership, and then against Cowbridge to win the league.

Also the ladies first team also won their game away to Cwmbran 4-2. Janine David, Hannah Board, Victoria Lloyd Ellis, Marian Petty, Sue Wilkins and Emma Wilkinson are now joint top of the league with a big game against Cowbridge, away, this week.

The atmosphere at Bridgend Tennis Club is electric at the moment with new members signing up daily and with the new children coming through and competing at a high standard there is a real buzz about the club, and we hope this continues through out the summer.

Summer camp is available daily over the summer holidays with refreshments and tuck shop. The Wimbledon special offer is still available running until July 29; contact Steve on 07976836249 or contact Bridgend Tennis Club for more information. LM

Impressive friendly win for Cefn Cribwr

CEFN CRIBWR travelled to Alliance Premier League Sully Sports for their second pre-season friendly.

The game started in typical pre-season fashion with both sides looking to play the ball around and to no surprise Sully kept the ball wonderfully and made Cribwr work hard to get it back.

Sully continued to pass the ball and it wasn't long before they made some space with a well worked move and had an effort on target turned around the post by keeper Richard Jones.

It took Cefn a while to settle into the run of things, but after the break they came out and started to play the more expressive football and a lovely piece of ingenuity from Josh Dixon played in Adam James, who, in turn, set up strike partner Tom Harris who slotted the ball past the home keeper to make it 1-0.

Sully immediately stepped up the tempo moving the ball around which worked well for Cefn, who made the most of the space and quickly doubled their lead through striker Tom Harris, who made some space for himself and let a powerful shot go from outside the area.

Cefn continued to grow into the game and the changes they made had no effect on the game which finished 2-0.

The under-16s played their first pre-season game against a very strong



Action from the game. PHOTO BY JULIE HANCOCK.

Caerau FC at the Riverboat.

Caerau ran out eventual winners 2-0 but the result doesn't undermine the amount of talent showed from both sides. The development team played against Cardiff Lazarou Sunday League outfit Cardiff Social and went down 6-1 to a very tough team.

The season is looking bright for junior teams and senior teams alike. Cefn would like to thank Sully Sports, Caerau FC and Cardiff Social for their hospitality and wish them luck for the season ahead.

Cefn are looking for new players from seven years old through to seniors - any players looking to join please contact Geraint Brown on Hotmail.co.uk, find the club on Twitter, @cefncribwr1, or telephone 07734903071. GB



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